

Horsing Around



SLLA Horse Camp is tons of fun — especially for Bandit, who gets the spa treatment from little campers. See Page 2 for the Summer Horse Camp schedule.

Two new faces on SLLA Board

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Sandy Sackmann and Mary Farley will join the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors, based on voting concluded at the Sunday, March 23 Annual Meeting. Current Director Chuck Leach was elected to a second term.

Sackmann led in the balloting, with 262 votes, followed by Leach with 235, and Sackmann with 214. Paul Chavez drew 185 votes, failing to win a seat on the Board.

A \$25 dues increase recommended by the Board passed by a very narrow margin, with 189 in favor and 179 against.

It was standing room only for the meeting, held in the Joralemon Fellowship Hall of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.

Directors reported on achievements during the previous twelve months — many of which were long term goals that had been worked on over several years and finally brought to fruition. A key player in many of those accomplishments was the Finance Committee, retiring President Steve Ritter said.

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Three boats is one too many on Auman

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Three boats is one too many — at least in Seven Lakes West.

During the Tuesday, March 25 meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors, newly-elected Lake and Dam Director Mandy Goodman shared a member's request to register a third boat.

The member, who resides on Lake Auman, currently has two registered boats, one a pontoon and the other a ski boat. The request was to add a fishing boat.

Goodman cited SLWLA Rule 7.1.4, which allows for no more than two motorboats to be registered per lot.

"Because it is a rule, we

should not permit the request," Goodman said.

Director Mercedes Herdrich asked, "Do you know if a Board has ever been asked for an exception or if one has been granted?"

"Does the rule state the engine size?"

No current Directors had any recollection of three permits ever being issued to a single lot owner. Goodman reported that the rule referenced any motor boat and did not mention motor size.

After a short discussion, Director Jim Pierman said, "If we go ahead and grant an exception, then we should grant it for everybody. I don't see any hardship here."

Not wishing to set a precedent, the Board voted unanimously to deny a permit for the fishing boat.

(See "West Side," p. 18)

Fencing in Foxfire Village

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



They say good fences make good neighbors; whether that is true or not,

fences provoked a spirited debate during the Thursday, March 27 Work Session of the Foxfire Village Council.

Mary Gilroy, who chairs the Village's Planning and Zoning Committee, was on hand to present a variety of

ordinance amendments her committee is recommending, after researching options over the Winter months.

But it was fencing that took center stage — specifically, fencing on property that abuts the Foxfire golf courses. Councilman Mick McCue recommended disallowing fencing altogether along the golf courses.

But residential zoning has to be consistent, Gilroy explained.

"You can't allow fences in one area and not another," she said. "If I were property owner along a golf course and you told me I couldn't build a fence, then I would be pretty upset."

McCue then recommended

(See "Foxfire," p. 19)

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West End Elementary will host two information sessions for Kindergarten parents, one on April 10 at 6:00 pm. and one on April 25 at 8:30 am.

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a Kindergarten registration packet before making their appointment, Registration packets are available from the schools. A packet can be downloaded from West Pine Elementary homepage.

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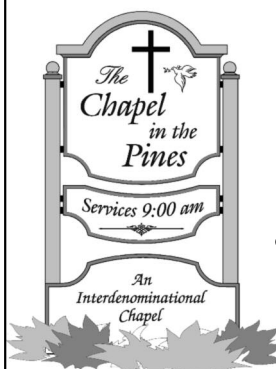
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Ritter, Meyer say goodbye to SLLA Board

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



All good things come to an end. Steve Ritter and Conrad Meyer said their bitter-sweet goodbyes as Directors of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association (SLLA) during the Wednesday, March 19 Open Meeting.

"It is kind of happy and kind of sad," said Ritter, who has served as Board President for the past year. "This is my last regular meeting. I would like to thank all of you out there that keep coming to these meetings. You are very dedicated and want to see good things happen in Seven Lakes. I would like thank you again for coming."

Ritter has worked all year to make the Board meetings more concise and orderly. He was pleased to note that the March 19 Open Meeting was completed in an hour.

Meyer has worn many Association hats, from serving as Treasurer and heading the Finance Committee to conducting an audit of SLLA lots to creating an energy audit to increase efficiency and reduce utility usage and expense.

"It is our last Open Session, and in many ways I am happy and other ways sad," Meyer said. "Thank you. I have enjoyed it a lot."

After the audience called for Meyer to remain on the Board, he replied in good humor, "Who knows? Maybe I will run again at some point in the future."

Dues Required

Getting down to the business at hand, the Board voted to proceed with foreclosure on thirteen properties.

"We wish we didn't have to do it, but we are doing it," Meyer said.

Past due accounts will continue to be closely monitored.

"Moving forward with foreclosures," Meyer added, "I can simply say: If you are behind on paying your dues, then it is in your best interest to address it in a timely fashion rather than go through an expensive collection."

edgeable manager that knows the horse," Darr said. "The only caveat is, if we decide to get rid of or sell the horse or whatever, then Amanda has the first right of refusal."

Gift Horse

A military family that must relocate from the area has given their horse to the SLLA, Director Bob Darr reported.

"The new Stables Manager, Amanda Duggan, previously had a part-time job training this particular horse for a couple that are Army personnel," Darr explained. "These two people are being transferred out of here and can't afford to take the horse with them. They are right up against the move date, and they are going to give the horse to us."

"We get a horse already trained to do the kind of things we need and a knowl-

The horse will replace a free lease horse that has been unruly and will be returned to its owners at the end of April.

"We are getting a free horse to replace a free lease," Darr said. "We are also real pleased with the new management. Things are going fine, the barns are very clean, and the horses are looking good. We are looking forward to a banner Summer."

SLLA Lots for Sale

The SLLA has listed thirty-nine Association-owned

lots with Whelan Realty, LLC. The lots will be included individually in the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

"We discussed in our Work Session the need to have some kind of vehicle to let people know that there are properties for sale that are owned by SLLA," Ritter said.

No votes for SLLA Lots

The Directors voted unanimously to not cast votes for SLLA-owned lots. It has been the practice for many years not to vote these lots, as no dues or collected and no member owns the lots.

The Board did vote the Annual Meeting proxies assigned it by members.

"At the conclusion of the meeting, we will move into Closed Session," Meyer explained. "We do have proxies that people have signed over to the Board, and we will discuss how we are going to vote those proxies."

Wading In

After careful assessment of the wading pool, SLLA management determined that it was necessary to expand the scope of repairs to the

(See "SLLA," p. 15)



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Pinecrest High car crash scenario aims to

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Moore County currently leads the state in driving related fatalities with eight deaths so far in 2014. NC Highway Patrol Sergeant Bryan Smith shared that sobering statistic with Pinecrest High School Juniors and Seniors during Friday, March 28 assembly aimed at encouraging safe driving habits — and discouraging the the kind of behavior behind the wheel that can lead to accidents, injuries, and worse.

The assembly and a mock crash demonstration was put together by the Pinecrest Parent Teacher Student Association and the Pinecrest

Administration, working with UNC Healthcare Systems Trauma Center, Moore County Sheriff's Office, Moore County Public Safety, and the NC Department of Public Safety. Boles Funeral Home provided a hearse and Rockwell Towing delivered and picked up the two wrecked cars used in the enactment.

The enactment included two wrecked cars filled with bloody classmates, a helicopter, two fire trucks, two ambulances, several police cars, a tow truck, and a hearse, along with plenty of law enforcement officers, paramedics, and firefighters.

Shannon Barkwell, Injury Prevention Coordinator with UNC Trauma, believes that

mock crash scenarios are a positive and effective way to reach teens.

"It might not reach all of them, but if one life is saved

then it is worthwhile," Barkwell said.

The possibility of saving one life can come with a hefty price tag.

"Just having the aircraft on site is \$5,000 to \$6,000," Barkwell said. It does provide an excellent training oppor-

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The mock accident scenario pulled out all the stops — including bringing in a life flight helicopter from UNC Carolina Air Care



Nasty cuts and bruises were hard to miss on student actors — and hard for fellow students to stomach

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both frighten and inform teen drivers

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tunity for paramedics and law enforcement to work together."

Straight talk

The morning begins in the auditorium where a UNC Trauma Medic, State Highway Patrol Trooper, and Moore County Assistant District Attorney discussed the importance of using your head while behind the wheel.

A split second distraction can wreak catastrophic consequences, Sgt. Smith explains. High school students are often inexperienced in driving in bad weather, at night, on subpar roads, on unlit rural roads, and through construction zones.

Avoidable distractions include loud music, talking on a cell phone, texting, consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs, and driving while tired.

But even well-intentioned driving maneuvers can cause accidents. A less talked about distraction are animals crossing the road.

"I can't tell you how many times someone tells me the cause of the accident was swerving to avoid hitting an animal," NC Highway Patrol Sgt. Smith told the students. "Once you leave your lane you have no idea what is going to stop you, a telephone

pole, a tree, or a head-on collision. It is better to hit the dog, cat, or deer than risk your own life."

Statistics don't lie. Accidents caused by texting rival

those driving under the influence, Smith said. And both come with consequences.

Tiffany Bartholomew is the mother of a Pinecrest freshman — and Moore County's

Assistant District Attorney.

Bartholomew has little tolerance for irresponsible drivers. She experienced her own run in with a drunk driver when her son was a child.

"The drunk driver hit us not only once but twice," she told the Pinecrest students. The impaired driver also had a record of driving under the

influence [DUI], and his own child was unrestrained in his car.

Over the next several minutes Bartholomew breaks down the legal consequences of driving after drinking.

"It is not just a DUI," she said. "You don't have to be drunk or impaired. If there

(See "Crash," p. 24)



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Off to college or on the job? Pinecrest

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Pinecrest High School students explored potential next steps opportunities at a Thursday, March 13 College and Career night sponsored by the Parent Teacher Stu-

dent Association and the Pinecrest Administration.

Some future-ready teens had their choices all lined up and made a beeline to the college or career representative of their choice, while others took their time and checked out all the options. "This is my third year of

working on college night, and it has grown by leaps and bounds every year," PTSA President Mollie Hipp said. "Twenty-nine colleges attended and, for the first time, several local businesses and military recruiters were on hand as well to add a career information component to the program."

"From this we are going to spin off a job fair that we hope to get up and running by next year under the leadership of Tamara Devine, one of our parent board members," Hipp said. "I'm extremely proud to work with this caliber of parents on the PTSA Board. Our PTSA is constantly thinking of ways to give back to our students and teachers."

Hipp said parents Sharon and Michael Harrell played a key role in organizing this year's College and Career Night.

Sofia Montalbo wants to follow in her police officer sister's footsteps. "I want to go into law enforcement, because my sister inspires

me to help others and make the world a better place."

Sofia stopped to talk to Rebekah Harper of A&J Janitorial. Rebekah mother of two, one a rising Pinecrest freshman, knows how to sweet talk teens and provides a

bottomless bowl of candy.

Pinecrest student Bob Capps grew up in Seven Lakes and would be happy to relocate to NC Chapel Hill when he graduates. "I am leaning toward the medical

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Rebekah Harper of A&J Janitorial tempts Sofia Montalbo with a nicely-stocked bowl of sweets



Seven Laker Bob Capps and his mother, Sue, teamed up for the evening

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High students weigh their options

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field," Bob said. "I have a friend whose mom is a doctor and she recommended becoming a physician assistant. I like the idea of helping others."

There is still time for junior Brittney Jenkins to make up her mind about a career. But

she is certain on her school, "I want to go to UNC at Chapel Hill for college, it is not too big and it is not too small."

Wherever freshmen Caroline Kimbell ends up she is happy enough as long as there is a marching band, a good English program, and

she wouldn't mind if it is in big sky country. When asked where she might like to live one day she smiled and said, "Montana was really nice and I also like Texas."

Rising senior Annie Futtrell is undecided about a career direction, but has the not too close but not too far Uni-

versity of South Carolina in her sights. "It has nice school spirit," Annie said.

Sylvia Hipp is a motivated eighth grader already commuting to Pinecrest for honors math. "I guess college is already on my mind and I will probably go to Notre Dame like my daddy."

Meredith College is represented at career night by Meredith alumna Anna Buryk, who is also the assistant director of the administration.

"If we only get one good student tonight," she said, "it is absolutely worthwhile."



Brittney Jenkins



Sherry Kimbell accompanied daughter Caroline



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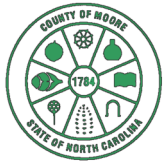
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Commissioners reverse cell tower denial

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



The Moore County Planning Board's December decision to deny a conditional use permit for a 195-foot AT&T cellphone tower on NC Highway 24/27 near Cameron was overturned by the Board of Commissioners during their regular Tuesday, April 1 meeting.

American Towers, LLC, which sought the permit on AT&T's behalf, filed suit in Superior Court, arguing that the record of the Planning Board meeting showed that the company had met all the requirements of the Moore County Zoning Ordinance, and, therefore, the conditional use permit should have been approved.

During the Planning Board's public hearing on the application, members heard from three owners of property adjacent to or near the proposed tower location.

Two of those property owners said they were AT&T cellular customers, and had no trouble obtaining service in the area, despite American Tower calculations that showed a coverage hole in the area that needed to be filled. The County's consultant on cell tower matters confirmed the company's coverage calculations.

Testimony from local residents that no additional coverage was needed appeared to sway some members of the Planning Board. When a motion was made to approve the permit, it was defeated in a four-to-four tie vote.

In its filing with the court, American Tower argued "that sufficient evidence was presented by American Tower Corporation to satisfy the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of Moore County, NC."

The Board of Commissioners apparently agreed, reversing the Planning Board's decision after a brief closed session to consult with County Attorney Misty Leland.

The Commissioners also approved a consent judgment that aims to settle the matter; American Tower's attorneys will attempt to have that consent accepted by the court.

The County's new Unified Development Ordinance takes the approval of all conditional use permits out of the hands of the Planning Board, placing it with the Commissioners.

Airport Funding Denied

The Commissioners, during Tuesday's meeting, denied a request for \$16,667 from the Moore County Airport Authority.

The \$16,667 the airport wanted was the latest version of a small funding request that comes before the Commissioners each year — the local match for a \$150,000

federal grant that is funneled through the NC Department of Transportation.

In addition to approving the local match, Airport Executive Director Steve Borden asked the Commissioners to approve several project ordinances, using the 2013 grant money and some from earlier years to extend a water line to a new hangar and for some tree clearing.

Commissioner Randy Saunders was the first to weigh in with some thoughts on Borden's request. Saunders noted that the airport's available cash had taken a large jump over the past ten years, from approximately \$500,000 in fund balance and cash equity to roughly \$2.8 million now.

He reminded Borden that the Commissioners had

worked with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau [CVB] and the state legislature to devote "quite a substantial amount" of lodging tax revenues to supporting the airport.

"And CVB doesn't ask us for money," Saunders said.

Airport Authority Chairman Bill Bateman argued that the Airport had only \$398,000 cash on hand and \$450,000 to cover three month's expenses.

But Sanders said his numbers came from the County's official financial reports, "and we do your books for you."

"You have added staff," Saunders said. "The County has reduced staff." Your revenues are up substantially, from \$2.3 million to \$3.8 million."

"We have other holes in the County that need to be filled," he added, suggesting that the Airport Authority had ample resources to provide it's own local match for the grant.

Both Borden and Bateman pointed out the need to have funds on hand in case emergency repairs are needed, for example, if a sinkhole opened on airport property.

"We have your back on that," Saunders said.

Each of the other four Commissioners registered their agreement with Saunders' line of argument. Ultimately, the Board voted unanimously to deny all of the airport's requests, including the resolutions that provided for the allocation of grant funds

(See "Commissioners," p. 18)

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Lions applaud WPMS Peace Poster Winners

The Lions Club of Seven Lakes presented the West Pine Middle School winners of the Peace Poster Award with a certificate and a cash prize.

Congratulations to West Pine Art Instructor Christine Wilson along with this year's winners, Karennia Levin 1st Place, Sean Stanfield and Mackenzie Owens, runners-up.

Along with winning the Seven Lakes Lions Club contest, Levin's poster went on to win The District Award.

The Peace Poster is a Lions International Club program that encourages the youth of the world to express in art the need for peace in the world. Local Lions Club members present to middle school art teachers a packet containing the information about the program. Each teacher then challenges the students to present their ideas and work to put their ideas into a form of art.

Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in the local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For 26 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. The grand winner

is acknowledged and given an award. Awards are also given to the top three candidates in the local area.

The Lions Club would like to thank West Pine Middle School, Christine Wilson, and all the parents for their help and support of this year's Peace Poster Contest.

Seven Lakes Lions Club meets every first and third Thursday at the Chapel in the Pines for dinner and a speaker. If you would like to attend a meeting or assist in helping the community, contact Bill Seldomridge at 690-9500.

West Side honors Paul Kirst



Paul Kirst

Paul Kirst, a persistent volunteer and former Director, was honored with the Joe Fellingham Community Service Award during the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 16.

Kirst has been a consistent advocate for Lake Auman, utilizing his background in marine science to help both Directors and landowners better understand — and better protect — the ecology of the lake, keeping it in top condition for the wide variety of recreational activities it hosts.

Kirst's wife Kathy accepted the award on his behalf, noting that he was in the Florida Keys "studying marine life and the wildlife."

Lest Westsiders doubt the diligence of the studies Paul is pursuing while in Florida, Kathy Kirst provided *The Times* with the documentary evidence at left.

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Students promise to advocate for pets

By Greg Hankins
Times Editor



West Pine Elementary fourth graders signed the Pet Responsibility Pledge at an assembly on Thursday, March 27, promising to treat their pets with respect, to be a responsible pet owner, and to spay or neuter their pet.

The signing ceremony was the culmination of a six-week curriculum designed and taught by volunteers with the Moore County Pet Responsibility

Committee, founded in 2008 with the support of the Board of Commissioners, which teaches its curriculum to fourth-graders in thirteen public and nine private schools.

Students were invited to enter an essay contest, writing about the importance of spaying and neutering pets. Gillian Peek, daughter of Tanya and Jason Peek of Pinehurst was announced the winner.

Students enjoyed presentations from several Pet Responsibility Committee members, as well

as from Candace Brock, owner of Five Points Pet Resort.

Brock pointed out the importance of ensuring that pets have a safe place to stay when family's are away on vacation.

The Citizens Pet Responsibility Committee promotes adoption of pets from the Moore County Animal Center through its Pet Placement Project and coordinates puppy adoptions through the North Shore Animal League.

For more information, visit www.mcprc.org



Essay contest winner Gillian Peek with her mother Tanya [Caroline Ivey photo]



Students jostle for position to sign the pet responsibility pledge



Candace Brock of Five Points Pet Resort explains how to keep pets safe while you're away



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The Price family tree hosts four Eagles

Clarence "Bill" Price Jr. of Seven Lakes, was a very proud grandfather, celebrating the advancement of two of his grandsons, Connor Wallace Price and Trevor William Price, at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Fairfield, CT on Sunday, March 15, becoming the fourth generation of the Price family to attain this honor.

The family tradition began with Clarence W. Price, Sr., who earned his Eagle Scout award at the close of World War I and attended the first International Scouting Jamboree held in England in 1920.

The elder generations of Price men have served as Scout Masters, mentoring their sons and other boys in the community, passing on

the values they learned as Scouts.

The family traveled to Fairfield, CT for this event. Connor and Trevor had moved from CT to Southlake, TX during the summer of 2013, but wanted to return to CT to celebrate with their fellow scouts of Boy Scout Troop 90, sponsored by the Greenfield Hill Congregation Church of Fairfield, CT.

Connor and Trevor were honored to have their grandparents, Bill and Mary Price, join in the festivities.

Bill addressed the audience during the ceremony, saying how proud he was, and presented his grandsons with a beautiful award commemorating becoming Fourth Generation Eagles.



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Holy Week at Chapel

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On Palm Sunday, April 13 during the 9:00 am worship service, the choir will sing "Hosanna" as the children wave their palm branches and lead the congregation in a parade to celebrate the love of God for all people and for all of creation. At 10 am there will be a time of coffee and fellowship followed by a program for the adults centered on the crucifixion as related by the author of the Gospel of Mark. Nursery and activities for the children will be provided.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm, join the church to receive the redeeming gift of God symbolized by the bread and the wine and to hear the words of Jesus. Attendees will strip the church of all liturgical items to acknowledge the suffering of Christ and the darkness that prevailed on Good Friday.

On Easter Sunday morning at 9:00 am, the acolyte will lead the procession of singers entering the sanctuary to the shouts of "Christ is Risen."

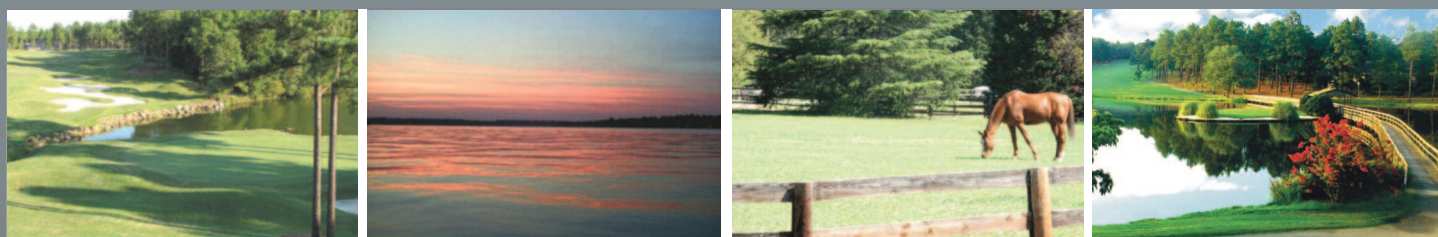
The Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines welcomes all to join the congregation for the celebration of Holy Week.

SCC Art Exhibit

Sandhills Community College will host an Art Exhibit on Tuesday, April 8, from 3 to 5 pm with an Opening Reception on April 8. The exhibit will be held at Hasting Gallery in Boyd Library.

Paintings and art by the Continuing Education Creative Living students and instructors in oil, watercolor and acrylic; drawings; creative beading, knitting, and sewing will be on display.

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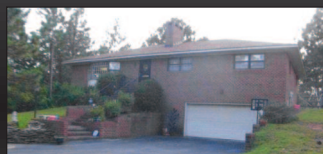
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Auman Sports Club 'plants' habitat for fish

by David Lamon

Lake Auman Sports Club, Vice President

The annual Christmas tree drop and placement under participating lakefront homeowner docks was completed February 20-24, through the efforts of the Lake Auman Sports Club volunteers.

A total of 48 trees were used to create habitats at 27 dock locations around Lake Auman, plus Johnson Point.

Bricks provided in 2012 by BVH Construction of West End and chain provided by Larry D'Amico's company, Fair Oaks Construction, Inc., were used to sink the trees under the docks with enough remaining for another major habitat project.

This year, Mistletoe Meadows in Olmstead Village supplied enough trees for the

docks free of charge. On December 23, 2013, a team of volunteers: Larry D'Amico, Bruce Keyser, Dave Lamon, Dan Lambert, Phil Menedian, Don O'Shea, Don Snell and Bob Strehle transported the trees to Seven Lakes West. Their extra trees and the trees collected from the Seven Lakes West community will also be used for another habitat project later this year.

There were enough volunteers available to complete the habitats in time for the fish stocking. Don Smith organized this year's project with the following Sports Club members delivering the trees and preparing them at the docks: Jim Beck, Larry D'Amico, Keith Engels, Larry Elliot, Bruce Keyser, David Lamon, Phil Menendian, Steve Czupryna and Bob Strehle.

A four-member team worked together to place the trees in the water. They included Dan Pieroni, who spent the day actually in the cold, 50-degree water. Serving double duty, working both days to deliver, as well as placing the trees, were David Lamon, Don Smith and Bob Strehle.

The fish habitat project is an annual Lake Auman Sports Club initiative that helps ensure and maintain the overall good health of Lake Auman. Thanks to all the volunteers for a job well done and to the lakefront homeowners who participated to make this program possible.



Members of the Lake Auman Sports Club wrestle a Christmas tree into submission before sinking it

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Nancy M. Kinane, age 77, of Foxfire Village, died Monday, March 31, at FirstHealth Hospice House, Pinehurst.

She was born in New Kensington, PA daughter to the late Joseph Wiencek and Mary (Spudic) Wiencek.

She was a member of the St. Anthony's Guild, Sandhills Quilters Guild, Capitol Quilters Guild, and the Queen Bees Quilt Bee. She was also a volunteer for the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care.

She was preceded in death by parents and her brothers James J. and David S. Wiencek.

She is survived by her husband John Lyons Kinane; children: son, Matthew Wiencek (Susan) of Raleigh; daughters: Mary McKay (Dr. W. Peter McKay) of West End; Catherine "Kitty" Patterson (Ron) of Rogers, AR; Julia Keller (Ron) of Avon, OH; and son Thomas Wiencek (Alicia) of Downers Grove, IL; brothers: William M. of Niles, OH; Frank R. of Stoneboro, PA; John A. of Derry, PA; Robert L. of Rimersburg, PA; Stephan G. of Bangor, PA; her sister, Mary Martha Smith of Parker, PA; thirteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 2 pm at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Southern Pines with Msgr. Jeffrey Ingham officiating. Burial will follow the mass at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Southern Pines.

Memorial contributions be made in her name to the We Care Program at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, 175 E. Connecticut

Ave., Southern Pines, NC or to the FirstHealth Hospice House, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Nell Elizabeth Munn, 94, of Pinehurst and formerly of Seven Lakes died March 26, at Carolina House, Pinehurst.

She was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina daughter to the late James Robert and Elinora Moore.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ernest Munn and son, Jerry L. Munn.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda Harper; six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one niece.

Services were held on Monday, March 31 at West End United Methodist Church. Interment was at West End Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to West End United Methodist Church, 4015 N. Carolina 73, West End, NC 27376.

Sheila Marion (Meador) Jones, 87, of Seven Lakes West died Wednesday, February 5.

She was born in Brooklyn, New York and dedicated her life to service, beginning with her education in the Cadet Nursing Corp at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, that lead to a twenty-nine year career as a registered nurse. Mrs. Jones retired as an Operating Room Supervisor at Putnam Hospital in Carmel, New York.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her parents Aubrey and Anna Meader and brother Kenneth Meader.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Harold Leroy Jones; children Craig Jones and wife Donna; Brian Jones and wife Jeanie; Mark Jones and wife Mary; Lisa Rowe and husband Ken; Kristen Jones-Wright; her grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

A Mass celebrating her life

will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinehurst at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 5.

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SLLA Open Meeting

(Continued from page 3)

pool. The installation of a second drain was approved at the February Open meeting.

"The pool has passed inspection after inspection, and this issue was never noted," SLLA Manager Ray Sohl said. "This code violation [the lack of a second] was brought up by one of the bidders. This was a relatively new development."

Additional work will also include plastering the entire wading pool basin and the installation of water line tile. The not to exceed cost for all work is \$7,775. If all goes well, the work will begin before April.

Board Member Bob Darr asked whether pool contractors were willing to do small specific jobs, like the wading pool, without a contract for the major renovations planned for the main pool.

"It seems we continue to get this conflict from these bidders," Darr said. They are insistent, before doing only the wading pool, that they want a contract to do the whole thing," Darr said. "We haven't determine at this time what we will be doing with the whole pool and what those bids are. I understand the motion not to exceed, but

the problem is whether they will go forward without a contract to do the whole thing."

Professional Pools has given management a verbal agreement that they will accept a contract for the wading pool only.

"I haven't got it in writing yet," Sohl said. We do need to move forward because we don't want to open for the season without this drain fixed."

The board agreed that the wading pool would not be open if the drain is not fixed.

"We don't know whether the contract will be accepted or not until Ray [Sohl] finishes communication," Director Bill Hirsch said. "If none of them meet criteria, then we will be left with the only decision to close the wading pool."

A single drain is a dangerous hazard. "Knowing what we know we cannot not open it if it is not fixed," Ritter added.

Greased and Ready

A complete overhaul of the SLLA backhoe might have been prevented, had it been properly serviced and maintained over the years.

"We have been assured that this is the end for necessary major repairs — which total

\$16,000 to date," Sohl said. "This equipment is now under a maintenance schedule plan to prevent this kind of thing like this in the future."

The overhaul includes repairs to fix hydraulics and transmission. The contract was not let for bids, because the mechanic has become intimate with the backhoe and has undertaken to correct years of misuse.

In previous Work Sessions, the Board discussed whether it would make more sense to replace the backhoe. It was determined that a new backhoe is too expensive, and used backhoes do not come with a warranty. The hope is that there is nothing on the backhoe left to break; and, with proper maintenance and greasing, it will have many years of life left.

"I was down there early this week," Ritter said. "The mechanic showed me the repairs that need to be fixed. The money has already been put into this piece of equipment, and this the last thing

major thing it needs to be fixed. It should last as long as the operator maintenance schedule is followed."

The Board voted five to one to complete the repairs, with Darr opposed.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for upcoming events, Director

Darr reported. Currently, only two people have signed up help with the Easter Egg Hunt. There is also limited time to organize a Summer Swim Team. Without volunteers it won't be viable.

"I am still looking for volunteers to help with both of those issues," Darr said. "We need quite a few people to step up and help."



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Spinach Manicotti Dinner	Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	Spicy Beef with Peppers Dinner	Sautéed Shrimp with Peppers Dinner	Spinach Ravioli with Marinara Sauce Dinner
7 Lentil Soup ♥	8 Chicken Brunswick Stew	9 Mushroom Bisque	10 Manhattan Clam Chowder	11 Bacon & Chicken Soup
Baked Spaghetti Dinner	Chicken Fajitas Dinner	Bourbon Pork Dinner	Jack Daniels Salmon Dinner	Mexican Casserole Dinner
14 Tomato Basil Soup ♥	15 Corn & Potato Chowder	16 New England Clam Chowder	17 Corn Chowder	CLOSED for Good Friday
Two Bean Enchiladas Dinner ♥	Sausage, Peppers & Onions Dinner	Basil Shrimp with Orzo Dinner	Ham Dinner ♥	
21 CLOSED Happy Easter!	22 Broccoli Cheddar Soup	23 Carrot Ginger Soup	24 Manhattan Clam Chowder	25 Gazpacho ♥
	Chicken Enchiladas Dinner	Turkey Dinner	Linguine with Shrimp & Roasted Tomatoes	Pasta with Ratatouille Sauce Dinner ♥
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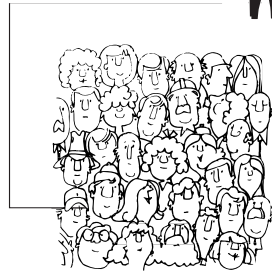
- **Statewide Star Party** – 7:30 pm, at Weymouth Woods, be a part of the second annual statewide Star Party for the North Carolina Science Festival. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines, 910-692-2167. Free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- **McLendon Hills Neighborhood Yard Sale** – 7 am – 12:00 pm. Approximately 50 residents combine treasures for the ultimate yard sale. Come shop.
- **WEUMC Youth Yard Sale** – 8 am – 2 pm, The Youth and Children at West End United Methodist Church will be sponsoring an Indoor Yard Sale to benefit the Youth Ministries.
- **West End Presbyterian Church Yard Sale** – 8 am to 1 pm, 275 Knox Lane, West End. Indoors. Many items, including adult & child clothing and furniture. Proceeds support church youth ministries of WEPC.
- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 am to 10:30 am, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.
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- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Monuments Men*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines (910) 692-3611.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:00 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:30 am, Holy Communion. 1145 Seven Lakes Drive. 673-3838.
- **Sunflix at the**



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**Sun-
rise** –

The Monuments Men, 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

- **Backyard Bird Basics** – 3 pm, Come and discover some strategies to attracting birds to your backyard. Program will be about 1.5 hours. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Free.
- **EXPLORERS! Ministry for Children at West End United Methodist Church** – 5 pm, Explorers children meet on Sunday nights for school age kids, Grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities before eating dinner with the youth. Bring your children to join this exciting new children's ministry, crafts, games.
- **WEUMC Youth Group** – 6 to 7:30 pm, West End United Methodist Church Youth Led by Mandy Allen, open to all Youth in 6th – 12th grades. Enjoy fellowship, study and a meal.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 9 am, work session. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse Game Room.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Monuments Men*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street,

Southern Pines.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- **"Sleep and Dreaming Folklore"** – 10 am - 11:30 am, Historically, sleep and dreaming has been a mystery. People allow folklore to explain things that happen in sleep. MC Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **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.
- **Sandhills Community College Art Exhibit** – 3 to 5 pm, Opening Reception tonight, held at Hasting Gallery in Boyd Library. Oil, watercolor and acrylic; drawings; creative beading, knitting, and sewing. Show runs April 8 - April 22.
- **Foxfire Village Council** – 7 pm, meeting. at Foxfire Village Hall.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Han-

kins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Monuments Men*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Roy Neal** – 1 pm - 2:30 pm, a Financial Advisor, Woodbury Financial Services, Inc. will speak. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **Birds, Bugs and Butterflies at the Gallery** – 6 pm to 9 pm. *Reception Party*. The Gallery at Seven Lakes, St. Mary Magdalene Building, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, featuring the photographs of backyard wildlife. Unique close-up photographs by Laurie Odiorne. Community is invited to celebrate the display.
- **English Speaking Union Hosts Paul Murphy** - Dr. Paul Murphy will present a combined lecture and performance on "Jazz, Spirituals, and the Cruciform Moment" to members and guests of English Speaking Union. Country Club of North Carolina, Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm. Dress: Black Tie Optional, \$46 per person. Hope Price (910) 692-7727 or Hopewp@aol.com

- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Monuments Men*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.
- **Lenten Supper & Devotional Services** – 6 pm and 7 pm, at West End United Methodist Church. Special meal followed by a Lenten devotional service at 7 pm. 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.
- **SL Baptist Church AWANA** – 6:30 to 8 pm, in the Hankins Family Life Center. Children age 3 to 5th grade. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 7 pm, Jane Bright, "Survivor: Nicaragua" participant, will be speaking at the Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall. Bright will share stories about her experiences on Survivor. All are welcome to attend.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors. Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Division of Services for the Blind Mini Center** – 9 am - 2:30 pm, Classes to help teach people with low vision the safe skills needed for daily living. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.

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- **SL Garden Club Annual Plant Exchange** – 2 pm, at Chapel in The Pines. Come and share plants, ideas, and fun. Label your plants. Door prize and free raffle! Bring your enthusiasm, questions, & neighbors. All Are welcome.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com
- **Covenant Preparatory School** – 7 pm, open house on campus. www.covenant-prep.com for details. Child-care provided.
- **Sunflix at the Sunrise** – *The Monuments Men*, 7:30 pm. Tickets \$8. Sunrise Theater, 250 NW Broad Street, Southern Pines.
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- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 am to 10:30 am, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.
- **Clenny Creek Day** – 10 am to 5 pm, have good food and fun, enjoy music and support the Moore County Historical Association's Bryant House and McLendon Cabin at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road in Carthage. Admission free. (910) 692-2051 or www.moorehistory.com (*In the event rain the event will be Sunday, April 13, noon to 5 pm.*)
- **Free Kid's Tennis Clinic** – 1 pm, at The Seven Lakes Tennis Center, Edgewater Drive, Seven Lakes North. Children ages of 5 and 13. Conducted by tennis professional Sonny Garner. Bring a tennis rackets or the club will supply one. Sneakers are a must. Dress according. Call the Tennis Club at 466-9023.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

- **Casual Friday at SLCC** – 5:30 pm to 7 pm, join in for a buffet dinner and stay for games until 9 pm. Call Seven Lakes Country Club at 673-1100. Open to everyone in the community.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- **Sandhills Horticultural Society Plant Sale** – 8 am to Noon. Steed Hall of Sandhills Community College.

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- **EXPLORERS! Ministry for Children at West End United Methodist Church** – 5 pm, Grades K-5. Time of learning, crafts and activities before eating dinner with the youth. Children join this exciting ministry, crafts, games.
- **WEUMC Youth Group** – 6 to 7:30 pm, West End United Methodist Church Youth Group invites all youth to join them as they meet. Led by Mandy Allen, Youth in 6th – 12th grades. Fellowship, study, a meal.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Moore Tea Citizens Candidates' Forum** – 5:30 pm, for all registered candidates who will appear on the upcoming 2014 Moore County primary ballots. All

primary candidates who are in contended races have been invited to participate: Democrat, Republican, and Libertarian. Held at Russell's Restaurant, 1405 Central Drive, Southern Pines. Free.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- **First Day of Passover**
- **"What Really Happens When the Lights Go Out"** – 10 am - 11:30 am, The group will explore parasomnias, normal changes in body chemistry and sleep misperception. Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **Language of Flowers** – 10 am to 11:30 am, Sandhills Horticultural Society will present a program on the Victorian tradition of using flowers to convey messages and more. Ball Visitors Center, Sandhills Horticultural Gardens, Sandhills Community College. \$15 for Horticultural Society members, non-members \$20. 910-695-3882.
- **League of Women Voters** – luncheon meeting, 11:30 am. Maurice Holland, will talk about life and change in excluded communities. Table on the Green, Midway Country Club. Cost \$12.

Everyone is invited. Reservations required. 944-9611.

- **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.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 6 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Zumba Class** – 7 pm to 8 pm, free class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **"Balance & Fall Prevention with Balance Screening"** – 9 am - 11 am, join Valerie Beltrane Preston, PT with FirstHealth Physical Therapy as she discusses ways to help improve balance. MC Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

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West Side

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Crystal Clear Water

Water-absorbing and runoff diffusing landscaping next to lakes and ponds protects water quality, Director Dan Blue told the Board, and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources recommends planting root based plants to retain soil near water sources. Loose landscaping materials including pine straw and bark are not

allowed within six feet of Lake Auman bulkheads.

Blue asked that Standard 7.04.4 be amended to read: "to protect lake water quality no chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides are to be used within six feet of Lake Auman or any pond."

The motion passed unanimously.

New Year, New President

Bruce Keyser opened the meeting by thanking the

Board for electing him President. "I would like to say that I appreciate the confidence the Board has in electing me President and the support I have received from many members since being elected," Keyser said.

"We have a fantastic group of individuals sitting here, on each of the committees, in the CAS office, and in this room. Together we will accomplish much in the coming year."

The Board then set up house for the Seven Lakes West's new year. Keyser introduced the Board, announcing their positions and the committees they would head. Chuck Watkins will serve as Vice President and handle Legal Affairs; Director Dan Blue will continue with ARC & Compliance; recently-appointed Director Mercedes Herdrich will continue as

Treasurer; recently-appointed Director Jim McDermott will serve as Secretary; and newly-elected Mandy Goodman will head up Lakes & Dams.

Keyser then read out the rosters of each of the West-side's twelve committees, which include dozens of volunteers, many serving on more than one committee.

Commissioners

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already approved. Those resolutions are expected to come back and win approval at a future meeting.

Other business

• Sheriff Neil Godfrey reported that 81 inmates were moved from the old jail to the new detention center. Godfrey said the remaining

three-dozen or so inmates would be moved once additional construction is finished in the new facility.

• The Board heard an update from County Manager Wayne Vest on progress toward remodeling the bottom floor of the County Courthouse and the Currie building for use by the Clerk of Court and District Attorney. Commissioner Picerno shared a letter from Superior Court Judge Michael E. Beale, who encouraged the County to make progress on those upgrades, in order to avoid having the judiciary take matters into their own hands.

Free Kid's Tennis Clinic

The Seven Lakes Tennis Center located on Edgewater Drive in Seven Lakes North will be holding a Free Kid's Tennis Clinic on Saturday, April 12 at 1 pm.

The clinic will be conducted by tennis professional Sonny Garner and several members of the Tennis Club.

Kid's are asked to bring their tennis rackets if they have one or the club will supply one for them. Sneak-

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Foxfire

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allowing only split rail fences, stating his opposition to decorative concrete or stockade type fences. Councilwoman Leslie Frusco agreed that she did not want to allow decorative concrete fences along the golf course.

Breaking new ground for fences

The current Foxfire ordinances make no restrictions on the type of fences that can be erected, leaving that up to residents. Gilroy was clearly uncomfortable with the idea of beginning to restrict homeowner rights.

"You have properties that are along the golf course and are set back fairly far," she noted, "and I don't think you can tell those people they have to have a split rail fence. If you are going to leave out decorative concrete, that's fine. I can't imagine doing a decorative concrete as a perimeter fence; it would be cost prohibitive. We have some properties that sit back far enough that they could make a decent case in saying 'I am not up against the golf course.'"

Both Frusco and McCue agreed that they would like the ordinance to restrict fences to picket fences or other types with space between the boards, made of either wood or PVC, or split rail fences.

"What does the law allow us to do?" McCue asked. "I am not suggesting it, but would they allow us to say we can't have anything but a split rail along the golf course?"

Earlier in the work session the Council had met in closed session with Village Attorney Michael Brough. Frusco referenced Brough's advice.

"Not from what Michael Brough said earlier," she said. "You can't have different restrictions in the same zoning. Even if we are talking on the golf course."

Mayor George Erickson noted that some lots abutting the golf course already have fences in place. "What do you do with those existing fences?" he asked. "What do residents do who already have a fence?"

"I think what we are attempting to do is to allow people to have fences that

are reasonable — both aesthetic and practical," Frusco said. "Fences that can secure property for animals or children or whatever to be inside."

The fence issue will go back to Planning and Zoning for further research and word-smithing.

"I said I would find a word that would accommodate some kind of spacing in the fence," Gilroy said. "You have made it very clear that it will not be a solid structure."

"We (Planning and Zoning) didn't think the fencing ordinance was a hard one," Gilroy said. "We thought it was one of the easier ones."

No one here but us chickens

Attempting to work out what should and should not

be allowed in a new Rural Estate zoning district, which is designed to bridge the core Village with the rural area that surrounds it, Gilroy suggested during the Council's February Work Session that residents of that area be permitted to keep a few roosters in their chicken flock.

But Councilman McCue has made no secret of his opposition to roosters anywhere near the core Village.

During the March Work Session McCue referenced one of Attorney Brough's suggestions during the closed work session. "No rooster shall be allowed on property that abuts RA-40," McCue said. RA-40 is the most common zoning within the Village proper, allowing development on one-acre lots or larger.

Gilroy mentioned seeing

an aerial photograph of the area taken in 1983.

"There was a chicken farm in the middle of business district," she said. "Those roosters — you could probably hear them on the golf course."

"Before we put the animals back on the ark, I have a question," Gilroy continued. "Planning and Zoning were looking at it, and the rewrite is much more extensive than I thought. If we go with the way that is has been rewritten we are going to limit the animals in RA."

RA - Rural Agricultural is the general purpose rural zoning applied to almost all property in Foxfire Village's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction — some of which is actual farmland.

(See "Foxfire," p. 20)

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"We are going to tell someone you can't have rooster on fifty acres," Gilroy continued. "If I were property owner, and, because my land was abutting Residential, I couldn't have a rooster, I would be pretty mad," Gilroy said. "You see the quandary. I started really looking at it and realized you are telling people who own a lot of property in the extraterritorial

jurisdiction what they cannot do."

"Can we find wording that would allow setbacks for Rural Estate and ETJ property abutting RA-30 or 40?" Frusco asked, suggesting that, at least, larger setbacks would require the landowners to move any animal housing further away from neighboring residential lots. "The RA allows for multiple kinds of animals."

Gilroy agreed with Frusco. "Put in setbacks and it will become a tenable situation," she said. Let's leave it in for the public hearing in April and see what they think."

Screening Utility Buildings

Planning and Zoning recommended removing any requirement that accessory buildings be screened within the Rural Estate Zoning District. Most other Village dis-

tricts require vegetative screening of Accessory buildings from the road, golf course, or neighboring property.

"The other thing we did here was we deleted item F that states: Accessory building shall be suitably screened so as not to be visible," Gilroy explained.

"You have six acres and have to screen something and then have to decide what

is suitably screened? On six acres, it's too hard to enforce," Gilroy said.

McCue agreed, "That is one I just can't imagine that we can enforce. You cannot in my mind reasonable hide an accessory building."

McCue then mentioned a recently constructed and attractive accessory building he had seen. "It was painted nicely and had shutters," he

(See "Foxfire," p. 21)

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Foxfire

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said, "but it was sitting on blocks you could see the space between the ground and the foundation."

"I think the foundation should be hidden," he con-

tinued. "The whole thing needs to look finished. Require them to put lattice or some kind of finishing."

Protecting the watershed

Gilroy told the Council that

Planning and Zoning's recommended decreasing the percentage of a tract that can be built upon in the Rural Estate Zoning District, at least in areas that lie within the Drowning Creek watershed.

For a better understanding of preferred setbacks, Gilroy contacted North Carolina Watershed Program Coordinator Julie Ventaloro, who advised reducing the allowed density.

"Julie is a water guru wizard," Gilroy laughed. "Originally we had twenty percent but we talked about it again and decided reducing it to twelve. Everything in Rural Estate begins with a minimum of six acres, leaving plenty of room to build."

Preparing for the US Open

The Moore County Airport will be a popular hub during the US Open. Hoping to catch

the eye of folks jetting in for the tournament, Mayor Erickson recommended printing fliers advertising Foxfire Village. The cost of printing the fliers would range from \$400-\$600.

"Do you want to assume that cost?" Erickson asked the Council. "They will have ours displayed with others for people to look at. There are 4,200 flights that have been scheduled so far —

including a gentleman named Donald Trump."

Proposed Budget

In other business, Councilwoman Frusco went over the proposed 2014-2015 Budget. Many of the projected expenses are similar to last year, with the exception of the Village's Police Department. Councilman McCue recommended increasing a part-time officer to full time.

Scat Band at the Chapel's Lunch Bunch

All single seniors are invited to attend the Seven Lakes Lunch Bunch at Chapel in the Pines, Joralemon Hall on Wednesday, April 23, at noon. There is no cost. Reservations would be appreciated. Transportation will be provided if needed.

The program this month will feature The Sandhills Community College Story-Telling Scat Band. This is a group of professors and deans, from the college, who get-together to play for local

gatherings and other venues.

As they say about themselves, "we get together for fun, fellowship and a lot of laughs. . . .but every musician wants an audience!"

The Scat Band will be entertaining the group with bluegrass, folk tunes and some original compositions written by band members.

To make a reservation for lunch or transportation, call the Chapel office at 673-2156.

EMS Chicken Dinner

Seven Lakes Emergency Medical Services, Inc. will hold their annual chicken dinner fundraiser on Friday, May 2. Lunch will be served from 11:30 am through 2:00 pm and dinner between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

The dinner will consist of

chicken breast or drumstick and thigh and include coleslaw, baked beans, roll, dessert, and beverage. You can dine with at the EMS building or purchase take-out dinners. The price is \$8.00 per dinner.



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School budget – Why can't we do more?

As a resident of Moore County with children in the public school system, I am dismayed by what is in the proposed 2014-2015 Moore County Schools budget.

Based on this budget, the per student spending will decrease by \$340 to \$8,140 next year. That's almost \$3,000 less than the national average. Over a three year time period, it will have decreased by almost \$450 per student.

These cuts translate to the continued erosion of staffing; decreased school and operational budgets; increased class size; and possible reductions in year-round school options.

While I understand that there are real short-term financial pressures for these reductions, in addition to the realities of the current funding formulas from the state

and county, I am here to tell you that, as a working parent and as a taxpayer who cares about the continued success and growth of this community, enough is enough.

I challenge the State, the

an additional 250 students next year. In physical terms, that's eight to ten new classrooms or the addition of about half of an elementary school in just one school year. Over a five year period

there have been 880 students added to the school system — or equivalent of one middle school.

This year's budget calls for the reduction of 35 more positions, adding

to the 141 already cut over the last five years. How can we expect to "grow to greatness" when all we do is "cut to get by?"

I am having a difficult time reconciling these continued cuts when Moore County

continues to grow and prosper. According to Census data, our population has grown by twenty-percent over the last twelve years — and twenty-four percent of our total population is nineteen years old or younger.

Compared to the state, our average household income

is six percent higher, our median property value is twenty-eight percent higher and our property tax rates are twenty-six percent lower.

I realize it is not politically popular to raise taxes, but why is it then okay to cut almost \$450 per student over the last three years, while our county grows? Why are we balancing our school budget on the backs of our children? On our county's future?

Each year, our school leadership asks the same questions: what else can our schools, teachers and children do without?

At what point will these cuts so profoundly impact our schools that our schools crumble, our wonderful teachers leave due to the lack of financial support (or perceived public support)

(See "Schools," p. 23)

Your Turn

Helena Wallin-Miller



Helena Wallin-Miller

In search of Earl Grey Hot

Earl Grey Hot. That's what Marcy calls the internet service at the house of our Nashville daughter and the apartment of our New York daughter.

They have blazingly fast internet, because they both live in sizable cities with lots

of folks packed closely enough together that it makes sense for the internet companies to invest in all the high-priced fiber optic cable it takes to deliver Earl Grey Hot. (If you haven't figure out where "Earl Grey Hot" comes from, you need to

watch more *Star Trek - Next Generation* re-runs.)

At our house, we have Earl Grey Not.

We live out in the country, a couple of miles from a little town with 1,182 residents (that's a 2012 number, up one person from 2010). There are a half dozen families between us and town. There are maybe that many in a mile radius.

It just doesn't make a lot of sense for the telephone company to lay fiber from the switch in town to give us few country folks Earl Grey Hot — just like it doesn't make sense for the cable television company to come out here at all. We get our TV from a satellite dish.

It would be nice to have Earl Grey Hot, but we can

live with what we have. We use it to produce this newspaper, browse the web, find our friends on Facebook, watch YouTube, listen to music on Spotify — all the

Out Here

Greg Hankins

joys of modern internet life.

We like living in the country: the quiet, the view, the lack of up close neighbors, the 200-year-old oaks that surround our house, the garden, the chickens, the wildlife, all the usual things folks move to the country to enjoy. All of that is worth putting

up with Earl Grey Not.

It's the same with our cell-phone coverage. It is a bit annoying that neither AT&T nor Verizon can manage to get us a consistent signal that would make our iPhones consistently happy, because, like city folk, we love our iPhones.

But the joys of country life more than make up for that spotty cellphone coverage. After all, we have one of those old-fashioned telephones that's connected to the wall, and to a wire that runs to the big CenturyLink switch in town.

And we have the luxury of being the only home on that line. When I was a kid, growing up in the mountains of Southwestern Virginia, everyone on our ridge shared the same line. It was called a "party line." More than a

(See "Earl Grey," p. 23)

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Earl Grey Hot

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dozen families, all with their own phones in their own homes, shared a single telephone line connecting us to the outside world.

So, you picked the phone up gingerly when preparing to make a call, to make sure you didn't disturb whatever conversation might be transpiring amongst your neighbors. If there was an emergency, you picked up the phone and asked the other

party to hang up, so you could call the sheriff, or fire department, or rescue squad.

My grandmother was a master of lifting the receiver without alerting the folks already talking on the line. She'd often listen a little while before asking to use the phone. So, she was generally pretty well-informed about what was going on up and down the ridge.

My memories of party lines, my familiarity with those

phones you plug in the wall, my tolerance of Earl Grey Not, all make me a bit skeptical when I hear folks talk about the urgent need for border-to-border super fast cellphone coverage for Moore County.

There's just a bit of exaggeration in the wind when we hear stories of folks who encounter a disabled motorist on the side of some country road and are frustrated because they can't get cell

Text

service. Out where I live, you offer to give that person a lift into town to find help. Or you stop at a neighbor's house and ask to use the phone.

I look out my kitchen window at my neighbor's pasture, currently home to four beautiful horses, but sometimes home to some less beautiful

but equally welcome cows.

Like my house, it's right on top of the tallest hill in these parts (which isn't very tall this close to the river). It's probably a prime location for a cellphone tower. If they put one in, I'd probably have Earl Grey Smoking Hot — on my iPhone.

Frankly, I'd rather not.

Budget

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and families begin to leave our community (or worse, choose not to move here in the first place)? What impact will the loss of these families have on our community? Who will provide health care?

Who will answer 911 calls? Who will serve at the restaurants? Who will open new businesses?

I am afraid that we are near the breaking point — and we need to change the conversation.

I know you all feel the same way I do. Please, make a case for what you know is right — and instead of asking our school, teachers and children to do without, I urge the School Board and the community to take a stand and ask our State and County leadership to stop the cutting, and fund our schools. Ask

for enough. Fight for enough. Our community will benefit from it — and our school system, our teachers, our children deserve it.

[Editor's note — Helena Wallin-Miller, the mother of students at Pinehurst Elementary and a public policy analyst — was the sole citizen to testify at the Public Hearing on the Superintendent's proposed budget held on Monday, March 24 by the Moore County Board of Education. What appears above is an edited and updated version of her remarks to the Board.]

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Thursday, April 17

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Friday, April 18

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Recipe of the Month: Shiitake and Kale

Prep Time: 2 minutes Cooking Time: 10 minutes Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

1/2 pound shiitake mushrooms
1 tablespoon olive oil
1-2 cloves crushed garlic
1 bunch kale, chopped
pinch of salt

Directions:

1. Warm oil in pan on medium heat with minced garlic until aromas of garlic are released, about 2-3 minutes.
2. Add chopped shiitake mushrooms, stir-fry for 5 minutes.
3. Add chopped kale, stir-fry for a couple of minutes.
4. Add a splash of water and pinch of salt to pan, cover and let steam for 4 minutes.

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Crash

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is noticeable impairment, you can be charged. If you are underage and driving after consuming alcohol or drugs, that is a Class 2 misdemeanor. If you refuse the Breathalyzer, that is an automatic one year license sus-

pension. If you refuse the Breathalyzer, expect a blood test."

Bartholomew assured the crowd it is not who you know — nor is there a get out of jail free card.

"We will try you. Your case (See "Crash," p. 25)



The crash scenario was frightening, but that didn't stop Pinecrest students from enjoying a chance to spend a nice Spring day out in the sun.



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Crash

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is going to be tried in North Carolina," she said.

Losing a driver's license is only the beginning.

"You will go to court and be expected to pay fines and court costs of \$55 per hour," Bartholomew said. "You will have a parole officer that you will report to and must complete community service. If

you don't comply, you will go to jail."

"No one can text while driving. If you are under 18, you cannot drive and make phone calls. If you are texting and someone dies, it is a misdemeanor death by motor vehicle."

And even more sobering: "You will have to live the rest of your life with the fact that

you caused the death of another human being," Bartholomew said.

Mayhem on the Football Field

The students moved to the football stadium to watch the accident scenario unfold: two cars damaged, occupants covered in blood, firefighters, paramedics, police, a helicopter.

Dramatic. But how does it prevent teens from driving recklessly?

"It is a reality check," Barkwell said. "Also important is that they see that every professional on the scene is working to save a life. It might even inspire them to consider such a profession."

Michael Ivy is a critical care medic and flies the helicopter for UNC Carolina Air Care. He is also a father. But, not so long ago, he was a teen himself and somewhat of daredevil. He curbed his risk taking and became a pilot and medic.

"I have seen the consequences of being fearless and irresponsible," Ivy said. "I have seen helmets and seat belts save lives. I hope this program has a positive impact. It will make them think before doing something irresponsible. Just one life makes it worthwhile."

Seven students were brave

enough to agree to act out the scenario. The injuries were stage makeup, yet it was difficult for the students to see each other injured and maimed.

Being cut out of a car and given a sobriety test was too real for Senior Scotty Pruitt, who played the hardest role of the day.

"I never want to wear handcuffs again," he said. "I don't like that tight feeling of being restrained."

In the stands, Travis Felder

watches from his wheelchair. A 2001 graduate of Union Pines High School, Felder is paralyzed, the consequence of deciding to drive drunk when he was 21.

"The only person I can be mad at is myself," Felder said. "You can tell yourself all you want that it's not going to happen to me. But one day you will be statistic, if you drink and drive. It is what it is."



Travis Felder knows too well the consequences of drinking and driving

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SLLA Annual Meeting

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"I would like to recognize the finance committee that has been critical in accomplishing our goals," Ritter said.

Getting the financial house in order

Retiring Treasurer Conrad Meyer has led the Finance Committee during his time on the Board — and served on it prior to being elected Director.

Ritter said Meyer and the committee had made priority setting their first order of business: "Their first priority was to bring order, clarity, and transparency to the finances."

In addition, "we took on a number of special projects," Meyer said. "First, we continued to refine the collection process for past due and delinquent accounts. My advice to community members whose accounts are in arrears is to plan to get current in the next year."

Reining in the Stables

A second special project was getting a handle on the Seven Lakes Stables, which had become a point of significant debate within the community and among Board Members.

Meyer and the Finance Committee were asked to, "Monitor the stables, increase revenue, and decrease cost," Meyer said. SLLA management and several committees, including recreation, finance, and maintenance, worked together to increase utilization and decrease expense.

The end result included new management, new fees, computerized record keeping, a stronger herd, expanded programs, a dramatic increase in individual riders and number of rides, reduced expenses, and increased income.

Saving energy

Working with the Maintenance Committee, the Finance Committee also tackled outdated and energy draining infrastructure. From installing double-paned windows in the main office to

programmable thermostats and new lightbulbs, practical fixes can greatly reduce utility consumption and expense.

"We conducted a base line energy assessment and documented energy use and consumption," Meyer said.

All the updates add up, Meyer said. For example, "Installing LED lighting at the gates and new heaters at the mail houses resulted in over \$1000 per year in cost savings to our community."

Smaller dues increases

Meyer said the Finance Committee and Board have changed their approach to dues increases.

In 2013 the membership approved a \$100 dues (See "SLLA," p. 27)



The new SLLA Board of Directors – Rich Faraci, Sandy Sackmann, Bob Racine, Bob Darr, Bill Hirsch, and Mary Farley. Director Chuck Leach was not available for the photo.



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increase after several years with no dues increase.

"This year the board proposed another \$25 increase," Meyer said. "We listened to the community and are requesting smaller increases rather than larger less frequent increases." Meyer explained.

A Change for the Better

In 2012, CAS, Inc. replaced Talis Management as the Association's management company. Ritter said it had been a change for the better.

Our office staff amazes me every day," said Ritter. "As I watch Janice, Alice, and Tracy perform their duties, I realize what we have here is a small town. And our manager and staff are keeping our town on track."

"The amount of work they put out would truly be amazing if governing neighboring towns could take a look. It is all managed by our General Manager Ray Sohl. His attention to detail keep things moving forward."

Security

The SLLA's security contractor, The Bud Group, was purchased by Universal Protective Services in 2013. Little has changed other than the ownership, Ritter reported.

"Last year, the contract for the roving and gate patrol was coming to an end," President Steve Ritter said. "The (See "SLLA," p. 28)

Tutors Needed

The Moore County Literacy Council is in need of tutors for their site at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Seven Lakes. Tutors provide one-on-one tutoring for adults who are learning to read, read better and/or speak English. Sessions are held in Seven Lakes on Tuesday evenings between 5 to 7 pm. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Pam or Marian at 692-5954.



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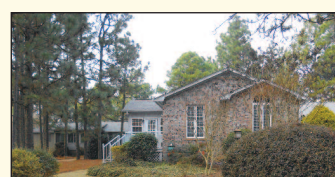
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SLLA Annual Meeting

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Safety and Security Committee thought we needed to bid that out."

Four Companies including the existing one were interviewed.

"After looking at all the data we decided to renew the contract with Universal Protective Services, our present company," Ritter reported.

Bylaws revision

Another project that took the better part of the year, much discussion and numerous rewrites, was a major overhaul of the SLLA by-laws.

Being Judicial in Enforcing Community Standards

Director Bob Racine thanked "the talented men and women who serve anonymously on Community Standards."

"We have been able to address each violation in a prompt and judicial manner," Racine said. "There have been very serious cases brought before Judicial. The most common are dogs, dog fences, fences in general, and failure to park in driveway but rather park along the street, which places an encroachment in the right of way."

A prompt phone call to the SLLA office or Racine to report a loose dog is necessary.

"If you see the dog try and take a picture of it. It will help us to identify it to the owner," Racine said.

For the health of the community Racine encouraged that each member follow the rules and regulations. "We are presently preparing a book of frequently violated rules and regulations for members to use as a reference," Racine said.

The Community Standards Committee addresses each violation on an individual basis, Racine said. "We do not live in Camelot. We have human beings living here and we try to adapt on that basis."

Easter Bunnies, Fireworks, and Purple Unicorns

"It has been an interesting and fulfilling year," Director Bob Darr said, recapping

recreation activities. "We have hosted all the traditional events, and by all accounts they were very successful — from our Easter Egg Hunt last year to our well attended Fourth of July Celebration which is enormously popular. Nearly 100 people attended our S'mores party, 264 trick-or-treated at the Halloween Party held at the stables, and 150 adults and 75 children came to the Christmas Party."

"Each event requires volunteers from the community

to plan and execute them," Darr said. "Frustrations that have been shared by past chairs and volunteers is that the list of volunteers are very small and consist of same residents year after year. To keep having events this must change. We need younger residents who live here to get involved."

The SLLA amenities continue to be popular and well used, Darr reported. Nearly 5,000 took a dunk in the swimming pool in 2013. There has also been an enor-

mous increase in ridership at the stables.

"The amenities list is very impressive and all require expenditures," Darr noted, emphasizing the point with a lengthy list of perpetual upkeep, repair, and monitoring required. "We have wonderful amenities and should be very proud of what we have and what we use," he concluded.

Monitoring the community

To better monitor the debris site and prevent illegal dumping, cameras and a gate have been installed, President Ritter reported. The Board is investigating additional cameras to monitor the swimming pool after hours, as well as other sensitive areas.

"We do have multiple secu-

rity cameras up at the debris center," Ritter said. "We have two cameras up and we will review how they operate. We will go forward in consideration of cameras for the front gate and swimming pool."

Fast and Furious

Speeding is one of the oldest and most persistent complaints in the community.

Ritter said he met with Gerald Sewell, Chief Deputy of Moore County, and reported, "There will be a smaller but notable increase in Moore County Sheriff's Department patrolling with radar. They have jurisdiction everywhere within Seven Lakes, and can enforce and write up all traffic violations in the community."

(See "SLLA," p. 29)

SLLA Officers Elected

Bob Racine was elected President of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association during a brief Board Meeting held after the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 23.

Other officers elected included Rich Faraci, as Vice President, Mary Farley as Secretary, and Sandy Sackmann as Treasurer.



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Protecting the lakes

The dedication and hyper-vigilance of the Lakes and Dams Committee has kept the exotic, invasive hydrilla — a aquatic plant — at bay with the introduction of sterile, grass-eating carp.

"Our water quality is still excellent and we have no problems with it," Director Rich Faraci said. "We keep tabs on it for swim meets and holidays, when everyone has their family down here. We are working very hard at keeping those numbers steady. There are no concerns and we want to keep it that way."

The Committee also relies on members who live directly on the lakes for reporting rules violations. "If they see something they usually call up right away," Faraci said.

Architectural Review Board

Legibility and coherence are necessary in submitting a request to the Architectural Review Board [ARB].

"Our biggest problem is that the requests are vague at best," Director Bill Hirsch said. "We get a lot of sub-

missions, and we can't even read what they are. We are forced to put the request on hold just so we know what they are asking to do."

The ARC is currently streamlining the process and rewording the guidelines. "Rewriting the guidelines will make the process easier," Hirsch said. "Our objective is to help people improve their property within our guidelines. During our rewrites if members would like to address an issue or a suggestion then please send them over to the office."

All Good Things

"It has been an amazing year for me working with you members, the staff, and the community," President Ritter said. "So many things have been accomplished this year, and it totally amazes me every time I think about."

"I would like to thank each Board Member. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the dedication and hard work. We didn't agree on everything, but we put all the issues on the table and did what we thought would be best for community," Ritter said.

"Where do we go from

here?" Ritter asked. "As a board and community we need to keep moving forward with the open format that has been fostered over the past years and continue working on community projects."

"Paving the roads are paramount, keeping the lakes vibrant for years to come, updates and maintenance of existing buildings, and other real estate assets. It is important to our residents that we continue demanding fiscally that we get the biggest bang for our dollar," Ritter said.

"Thank all of you here today. It was demanding at times, but rewarding. Thanks for standing behind us and providing your comments. It has been a fun ride with mixed emotions. I would like

to say thank you and good luck to the Board."

Final Say

During the public comment section of the meeting, Michael Florence recalled that at least one child sustained an injury while sledding on the face of Sequoia Dam, and said that the area should be made safer for sledding.

"I am raising attention not to ban sledding on the dams, but we need to figure out a way to mark the drainages at the bottom. So that they are visible," Florence said. He also thanked maintenance for keeping the roads cleared of snow.

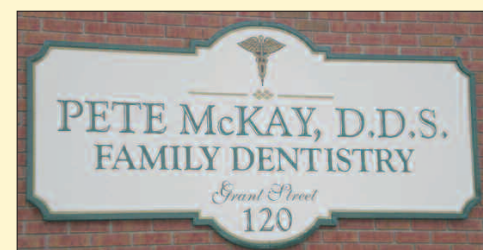


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