

## Members vote to sell country club

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor

The members of Seven Lakes Country Club have approved the sale of the club to two golf industry veterans, beginning a new chapter in the history of the Peter Tufts designed golf course.

Club President Ronnie Hann told *The Times* that the membership met on Sunday, December 14 and voted to dissolve Seven Lakes Country Club, Inc., to facilitate the sale of its assets to “an entity owned or controlled

by Larry Galloway and Jon Whittemore.”

Hann said ninety-eight percent of the members who voted cast “yes” votes.

“I would liked to have had it unanimous,” she said, “but I’ll take ninety-eight percent.”

Galloway and Whittemore were on hand for the meeting, and Hann credited their presentation with winning over the membership.

“People realized that we needed to do something,” she said. “Meeting the new own-

(See “Club,” p. 20)

## Five candidates on SLLA ballot

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



Elections at the Annual Meeting in March will offer members of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] at least five candidates from which to chose.

Director and Nominating Committee Chair Sandy Sackmann announced the five candidates during the SLLA Board’s Wednesday,

December 17 Open Meeting. They include incumbents David Hill and Bob Racine and challengers Mark Gyure, Greg Lishawa, and Joy Smith. Board members voted unanimously to add their names to the Annual Meeting ballot.

But there’s still an opportunity for others who would like to serve.

“If other people want to run they can still submit (See “SLLA Candidates,” p. 27)

## In the spirit of the season



Director Mary Farley takes a moment to thank Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus for attending the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14. [See page 4 for more photos.]

## Plenty of competition in Westside Board election

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



For the first time in four years, the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] will have more candidates running than seats available on the Board of Directors.

Unanimously accepting the recommendation of the Association’s Nominating Committee, the Board, during its regular Tuesday, December 16 meeting, placed five names on the Annual Meeting ballot.

They include Jim Beaty, Jim Greaves, John Shaughnessy, John Hildebrand, and Jack Lattin.

In addition, Bernadette York, during the same meet-

ing, announced her intention to collect enough signatures to have her name placed on the ballot as a petition candidate.

The SLWLA bylaws require that a petition candidate collect signatures representing three percent of the membership. The petition must be submitted at least sixty days before the Annual Meeting, which will be held on March 15.

York had applied to and been interviewed by the Nominating Committee.

“I wasn’t selected by the Nominating Committee,” she told those in attendance at the December 16 meeting, “but I chose to run.”

### More Working Folks

The number of candidates is not the characteristic that

makes this year’s crop of SLWLA Candidates unusual: three of the five are still in their working years.

As might be expected in a community that includes a large percentage of retirees, the SLWLA has relied heavily on retired residents to manage its affairs.

But the number of younger families calling Seven Lakes West home, and this year’s nominees reflect that demographic shift.

### Jim Beaty

Jim Beaty, according to the brief biography he supplied to the Association, is the Associate Director of Pharmacy at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital, having risen through the ranks of that organization

(See “Westside,” p. 28)

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# SLLA Board ends year making big decisions

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter



After months of discussing fencing for the Northside pasture, renewing the Foster Lakes management contract, and much-needed repairs to the Northside pool, the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors reached a decision on each of those items during their Wednesday, December 17 Open Meeting.

Projects and contract renewals totaling more than \$500,000 were approved during the last Open Meeting of the year.

## Recreation withdraws electric fence proposal

Earlier in the month, during the December 8 Work Session, the Board was presented with two different recommendations for the pasture fence. The Recreation Committee recommended an all-electric fence to be placed inside the existing split rail structure. The estimated cost was between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The Facilities Committee proposed a fence with round posts and rails, at a cost of roughly \$42,000, without a companion electric fence to prevent horses from chewing in the fence rails. The current pasture fence uses split rails backed up with a electric wire secured to the posts.

The Board was expected to consider, during the Open Meeting, sending both options out for formal bids, but Recreation Director Mary Farley reported that she had decided to withdraw their recommendation to expedite the bid process.

"Safety is a priority," Farley said. "In the opinion of the Recreation Committee, after much discussion, we decided we cannot, in good conscience, continue this any longer. The safety of our community, horses, and residents is a paramount concern. The incident over Thanksgiving when a section of fence fell down, vividly brought this home to all of us."

"Consequently, the Recreation Committee has voted to withdraw our current proposal and allow the other to

go forward as soon as possible," Farley said. "Although it is more expensive and will change the looks of Seven Lakes significantly, it is imperative that we solve this issue as soon as possible. If it is determined in the future that an electric fence is needed, then it can then be retrofitted to this new fence," Farley said.

The board voted unanimously solicit bids for the Facilities Committee's recommendation of a wooden fence with round posts and three round wooden rails.

## A drop of prevention

Addressing another much-debated issue, the Board voted to renew the Foster Lakes management contract.

Four years ago, the SLLA Board hired Foster Lakes to manage water quality and control any growth of noxious

water plants. The Lakes and Dam Committee recommended renewing the contract. But Director Chuck Leach has questioned whether such close monitoring was cost-effective, given the \$18,360 cost of renewal.

During the December Work Session, Community Manager Ray Sohl reported that two-thirds of the cost of the contract is consumed simply in purchasing the expensive chemicals needed for water quality control. Members of the Lakes and Dam Committee also strongly advocated for contract renewal.

## A concrete deadline

The most expensive item on the December 17 Open meeting agenda was a plan to rehabilitate the aging Northside swimming pool, at a cost of nearly \$84,000 — a number that could go high-

er, if additional damage is uncovered during repairs.

The condition of the 36-year-old pool and how best to address needed repairs has been under discussion for most of 2014. Repairs proposed by the facilities committee included applying a plaster quartz finish to the pool basin and replacing tile in a number of areas. Removal of the tile could reveal other potential problems that would need to be addressed.

Facilities Director Leach reported that the Finance Committee recommended adding \$10,000 to the \$83,910 low bid, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$94,000. That would cover any unforeseen problems and include a ten percent contingency for structural damage and possible replacement

(See "Decisions," p. 26)

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# Plenty of fun for children of all ages at

by Ellen Marcus  
Times Reporter

The halls were decked, the buffet laden, and carols played at the Seven Lakes

Landowners Association [SLLA] Christmas Party.

SLLA elves, under the direction of Mary Farley, SLLA Recreation Director, happily

worked together to create a festive holiday get-together for the resident youngsters and young at heart.

"Snow!" is what sisters Taylor and Emily Wittenrich want.

"We just bought our sleds. We stand on the porch and pretend we are snowboarding," older sister Taylor said.

Emily chimed in, "We love sledding, and snow ice cream."

The girls were asked if they would rather give up winter vacation and get presents, or get their vacation sans the presents.

"I love being with my family. I want my vacation," Emily said. Taylor differed, "I like school; it is fun. I like getting presents too."

Santa leant all the children his ear while Mrs. Claus passed out cookies.

The Clauses were assisted by Ralph and Shirley Shank.

Ralph said, "I really enjoy doing it. It is my first time. I have always wanted to help out Santa."


The merry, jolly, convincing duo are sure to go undercover again.



Asher Sosa sits with Santa



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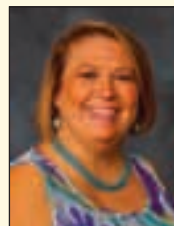
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efficiently, and how beekeepers harvest their honey.

Handouts of good honey plants to help this struggling population will be available and honey from various plants will be sampled.

All single seniors are invited to attend the luncheon at Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost for the meal. Transportation will be

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# Dues increase recommended for West Side

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



Seven Lakes West's Finance Committee is recommending a small dues increase in FY

2016, driven primarily by the need to repave streets in the community.

Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich presented the proposed FY 2016 budget during the Tuesday, December 16 regular meeting of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Board of Directors. A detailed presentation is available to West-side landowners on the Association's website.

The Board will host a Town Hall Meeting on the budget on Tuesday, January 5, offering the membership an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the proposal.

If all goes as planned, the Board will approve a budget

during its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, and the membership will be asked to approve it at the Annual Meeting.

## Larger increase for vacant lots

Herdrich said dues for improved lots — those with houses on them — will increase by 3.6 percent, rising from \$999 to \$1,035 annually. That's an increase of \$3.00 per month.

Owners of unimproved lots will see a heftier 7.3 percent dues increase, taking the annual total from \$864 to \$927, or an increase of \$5.25 per month.

The Westside Board decided several years ago to gradually raise the dues on vacant lots to parity with dues on developed lots, which has meant larger increases for undeveloped lots. If the plan remains on track, dues parity will be reached in FY 2019.

No increase in current fees

is proposed in the new budget, Herdrich said, though the Finance Committee is recommending the addition of two new fees.

The first is a \$75 fee for rental of Johnson Point gazebos on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The second is a new \$50 fee for rental of the Activity Room in the West Side Park Community Center.

In both cases, Herdrich said, the facilities are showing the effects of wear and tear, making it prudent for the Association to collect additional revenue for their use, in order to pay for upkeep.

Resident Jack Lattin asked whether the income from the new fees would be segregated into accounts dedicated specifically to the upkeep of the gazebos and Activity Room.

Herdrich said it would involve unnecessary accounting to set up separate accounts for the fee income, but indicated that the Com-

mittee could consider establishing separate reserve account line items for the purpose.

Another resident asked whether the new Activity Room fee would apply to gatherings like her weekly bunco group.

SLWLA President Bruce Keyser said the new fee would not apply to "named groups" — like the sailing club — or to groups currently using the Activity Room. It would apply to private parties, like bridal showers or birthday

parties, Herdrich said.

## Infrastructure drives expense growth

The dues increase and new fees are expected to produce an overall 4.79 percent increase in operating income — just over \$88,000. Operating expenses are expected to rise 4.4 percent, with the bulk of that increase coming in Infrastructure, where an 11 percent increase is expected.

Herdrich said the Infrastructure (See "Budget," p. 19)

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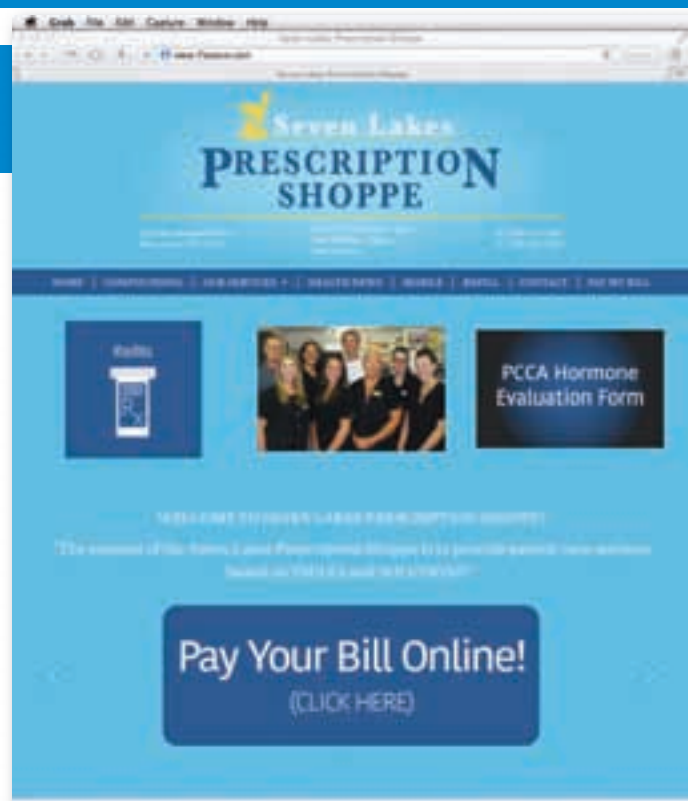
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# Right of way maintenance rules proposed

by Greg Hankins  
Times Editor



As the maintenance of Seven Lakes West's roadsides becomes a rapidly growing expense for the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA], the question of exactly who should maintain roadside landscaping — and how — becomes more important.

The Association anticipates a thirty-six percent increase in the cost of right-of-way maintenance in FY2016, from roughly \$60,000 to \$90,000, so the answer to that question impacts the pocketbooks of all Westside landowners.

Director Jim Pierman's Infrastructure Committee hopes to begin to provide the answer, with an addition to the SLWLA Rules and Regulations introduced during the Tuesday, December 16 board meeting.

Pierman explained that, until about eight years ago, the Association did not own Westside streets, and therefore had no rules governing

"what we expect from homeowners in terms of maintaining the right of way."

He said the Association has experienced problems with erosion from landowners lots onto Westside streets and that nothing in the current rules defines what responsibility for roadside maintenance may pass from one owner to the next when a property changes hands.

"The right of way is not your property," Pierman said, explaining that the Association has a sixty foot right of way along Westside streets, which are typically only twenty-two feet wide. Homeowners should assume that the Association owns the first eighteen feet of their front yards, where they adjoin the street.

The 750-word proposed rules amendment is available to landowners on the SLWLA website. Key provisions include the following:

- In cases where the landowner has not placed any landscaping in the right of way, the Association will undertake periodic maintenance, including mowing, periodic shrub or tree clear-

ing, and erosion control.

- When the landowner has placed landscaping or structures — like driveways — in the right of way, the Association has the right to have those removed or modified when necessary for safety or changes to the right of way.

- Members are responsible for controlling erosion into the right of way, using methods acceptable to the Architectural Review [ARC] and Infrastructure Committees.

- Members who want to place landscaping or structures in the right of way must first seek approval from the ARC.

- When a previous owner has landscaped or placed structures in the right of way, those become the responsibility of subsequent owners of the property and must be maintained to present an attractive appearance and not create traffic visibility problems.

"The is very well done, very

clear and concise," Treasurer Mercedes Herdrich said. She noted that the cost of right-of-way maintenance, eight months into the fiscal year, is running twenty-two percent ahead of budget.

"We still have a lot of lots that aren't developed," she said. "We have literally miles of right of way that is not maintained [by owners]. I don't know what the solution is — maybe it becomes your personal expense and not an expense borne by the Association."

"We didn't want to try to make a sea change," Pierman said of the proposed rules. "This will now be part of the discussion. We want it to be looked at and reviewed — and to get it into the rules and regulations, and then start making changes."

The Board unanimously approved the amendment on first reading, and will now take comments from the membership, with a final vote

possible during the January 20 Board meeting.

"I definitely think this is good reading for all the membership," President Bruce Keyser said, "so that we can have whatever discussion that needs to be had on it before the next meeting. I encourage everyone to look at it."

## Speeding takes a bite out of Westside wallets

Community Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that sixteen speeding violations had been issued by the SLWLA office during the first half of December, adding that the Sheriff's Office has also been actively pursuing traffic enforcement in the community.

Mendence noted that a citation from SLWLA will cost a speeder \$50, while the minimum cost for a citation issued by the Sheriff's Office is \$250.

(See "Westside," p. 27)



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# AARP seeks volunteers for Tax-Aide program

AARP Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers, eighteen years of age and older, willing to learn to prepare and electronically file Federal and North Carolina tax returns for low and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to those sixty and older.

No AARP membership is required. Previous professional tax prep experience is not necessary.

AARP Tax-Aide is a nationwide, all-volunteer program which provides tax prep assistance completely free to most taxpayers, regardless of age, for whom the cost of professional services would be a financial burden.

Trained volunteers, using IRS software, assist clients through the maze of the Federal and State tax laws. Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers in the area prepared and filed over 1900 tax returns.

In order to continue this program, Tax-Aide needs more volunteers to serve either as tax preparers or client greeters.

Those offering to be tax preparers receive IRS-approved training, earn IRS certification, and are covered for liability when working within the scope of AARP's mandate.

Certified instructors will begin six days of local in-classroom training on January 9, 2015, at the Moore County Senior Enrichment Center. Actual preparation of returns starts the first week of February and continues into mid-April.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one

pre-scheduled four- to six-hour shift per week. Some individuals are able to do more.

Volunteers may choose to work at one or more of the following district tax prepa-

ration sites: Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, Southern Pines Library, Habitat for Humanity (Feb. only), Laurinburg, and Robbins (March & April).

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# In memory of . . .

**Julius Sherwood Dunham**, 92, died Friday December 12, at Oswego [NY] Hospital. His family was by his side.

He was born in Brocton, NY, the son of J. Sherwood and Montrose (Osgood) Dunham.

Mr. Dunham was a graduate of Brocton High School, and received his baccalaureate degree from Fredonia State College, a master's degree from Columbia University, and his doctorate from the University of Buffalo.

He graduated as a naval aviator from Pensacola, the Annapolis of the Air, in 1943.

During World War II, he flew 82 combat missions in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and was awarded two air medals with a gold star, and five battle stars.

He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1962.

Mr. Dunham was an educator. He began his career in Niagara Falls, NY, where, for eight years, he was a teacher and principal.

In 1955, when he was appointed principal of the Oswego Teacher College's Campus School, he moved to Oswego.

For the next 25 years at Oswego, he served in different administrative and academic positions, including acting president.

He retired in 1977.

In retirement at Oswego, he taught for seven years part-time as a professor in the Educational Administrative Department.

Community service was important to him and devoted many volunteer hours to the Oswego Hospital, the Rotary Club, the Salvation Army and the United Fund.

In 1982, he and his wife Janet moved to Seven Lakes, where he continued to be involved in civic activities.

He was a co-founder of the Seven Lakes Times newspaper, trained literary tutors, was a surrogate parent, and taught several courses at the Sandhills Community College.

In 2000, Mr. Dunham returned to Oswego, where he resided at Springside at Seneca Hill.

His final home was at Bishop's Commons in Oswego.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet (Russell) Dunham.

Survivors include his daughter, Judith (Larry) Botting, of Martville, NY; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Botting and Kathryn Botting; two nephews; and one niece.

A celebration of his life will be held at Springside at Seneca Hill, at a later date.

Dispersal of his ashes will be at the discretion of his

family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oswego Rotary Club, PO Box 3133, Oswego, NY 13126.

Arrangements by Dain-Cullinan Funeral Home, Oswego, NY.

**Walter Dietrich Schmiedeskamp**, 73, of Seven Lakes, died December 12.

He was born in Orange, NJ son to Walter D. and Lena Beck Schmiedeskamp.

He graduated from Livingston High School, NJ and received an undergraduate degree in accounting from Upsala College.

He started as a junior accountant in 1965, was pro-

moted to manager in 1972, and was named a partner in 1978.

Mr. Schmiedeskamp retired in 2001 from Deloitte & Touche. He served on many boards over the years and always took an active role in the community.

He spent most of his life in Livingston and Branchburg NJ and retired to Fort Myers Beach, FL and Seven Lakes West.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jean "MJ" Knox Schmiedeskamp.

Survivors include his sister Elsie Keeshen, daughters Bonnie Emery and Dawn Schmiedeskamp; son-in-law, Edward Emery, Jr.; and four

grandchildren, Evan, Marissa, Taylor and Dylan.

A gathering to "Honor and Celebrate his life" will be held in the Crawford Center at West End Presbyterian Church, West End on Sunday January 11, 2015 at 12:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: West End Presbyterian Church, PO Box 13, West End NC 27376; FirstHealth Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd, Pinehurst NC 28374 or Marginal Way Preservation Fund, PO Box 1455, Ogunquit, ME 03907.

Boles Funeral Home is serving the family.

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**Richard Dale Muhlig**, 77, of Seven Lakes, died December 12 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, from injuries sustained in an auto-

mobile accident.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday December 17 at the Boles Funeral Home in Seven Lakes. Archie Stevens officiated.

Mr. Muhlig was born in Callicoon, NY, the son to the late Robert and Bertha (Bauernfiend) Muhlig. He worked

for the New York State Department of Corrections for over thirty years as a vocational instructor. He enjoyed hunting and took great pride in his yard's appearance. He always helped his neighbors when in need.

Survivors include his wife of thirty-four years, Carol

Muhlig; son, Richard Dale Muhlig, Jr. of Preble, NY; daughters, Lisa Muhlig Old of Seven Lakes; Jessica Muhlig Renfrew of Seven Lakes, Stacey Dunham of Bakersfield, CA; his brother, Paul Muhlig of Liberty, NY; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial donations may

be made in memory of Richard Muhlig to the Animal Advocates of Moore County, PO Box 3399, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to the Seven Lakes EMS at 714 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

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# Bright Meadow's Christmas Concert is the

by Janna Ptak  
Times Reporter

"It's today? Today? The real deal?" asked a preschooler at Bright Meadow Christian Preschool on the morning of Wednesday, December 16.

Today was the day that the preschoolers had been waiting for: Their big concert of Christmas carols, performed for an audience of parents and family members.

Thirty two students, ages two to five, formed a line as they entered the room where their audience was waiting.

The students were led by their teachers, Ashley St. Onge, Stephanie VegaBravo, and Carol Allen, "Away In A Manger," complete with hand motions, and "Jingle Bells," where each child was given a bell to ring.

Next the children sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," before being treated to an abridged version of Jeanne Pieper's story, "A Special Place for Santa . . . A Legend For Our Time," read by the school's Administrator, Shirley Ptak.

After the story, the parents and family members were invited to join in the singing of "Silent Night."

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Preparation for the annual program begins at the end  
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Teacher Ashley St. Onge visits with a very small Santa



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# highlight of season for parents & students

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of November, when the teachers select the songs for the children to sing. The teachers also try to teach a bit of sign language to the students to

show the parents during the presentation.

"They decide which songs they are going to incorporate sign language into," Ptak said.

"We always do 'Jingle Bells' because the parents like the bells," St. Onge said.

Although the children have fun during this event, the teachers don't forget to teach

the children about the reason for the season.

"We always do a Jesus song," Ptak explained.

While planning the event, teachers think of all of the

students.

"We have to take into consideration the attention span of the youngest age group . . .," St. Onge said. "We start (See "Bright Meadow," p. 25)



Bright Meadow teacher Carol Allen with her student and granddaughter, Addie Scott



Bright Meadows faculty includes Administrator Shirley Ptak and teachers Carol Allen, Ashley St. Onge, and Stephanie VegaBravo

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"The baby stays in the room with Mom throughout the hospital stay, unless there

is a problem or Mom needs some uninterrupted rest," says Tricia Lerma, R.N., Moore Regional's clinical director of Women & Children's Services.

According to Lerma, this "rooming in" is strongly encouraged. "It is healthier for new babies to be with their moms in the earliest days of life," she says. "Research shows that both Mom and baby sleep better while in the same room and

that it reduces Mom's stress. Although moms are still in charge of their own care and that of their babies, medical considerations and other factors may not allow for the baby to stay with Mom the

entire stay."

Even after the implementation of couplet care, the hospital's nursery will remain open and available for the times when babies need to be cared for there and not

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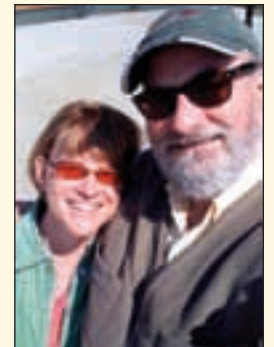
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- **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.
- **West End Presbyterian Church** – 11 am, will host guest preacher, Hannah Lyon, a second year student at Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan, Lyon is a candidate for ordination under the care of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in

harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- **New Year's Eve**
- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**

- **West End United Methodist Men's Breakfast** – 8 am, men will meet

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and discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or the community is welcome to attend.

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## What's When



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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1**

- **New Year's Day**
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- **First Day Hike** – 2 pm, Join people around the country starting off the New Year by participating in a First Day Hike. Enjoy time outside by taking a two mile hike with a ranger. Don't forget proper footwear, water, and any-

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Annual Retreat** – 9:00 am, in the Community Room, second floor of the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center, 302 South McNeill Street, Carthage.
- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

- **Moore County Board of Commissioners Annual Retreat** – 9:00 am, in the Community Room, second floor of the Rick Rhyne Public Safety Center, 302 South McNeill Street, Carthage.
- **Healing Service** – 11 am, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. 1145 Seven Lakes Dr., Seven Lakes. Intercessory prayers for the sick & troubled, those in harms way, traveling, bereaved or deceased. Reverend Carol Burgess. All are welcome.
- **Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club** – lunch at 11:30, meeting begins at 12:05, Seven Lakes Country Club Restaurant. Visitors welcome.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:30 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.
- **Women's Volleyball at Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 6 pm to 8 pm, open gym for Women's Volleyball. Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.

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- **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.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. Please make your reservation by calling 673-4931. Walk-ins are welcome and encouraged to donate. Severe shortages exist locally and nationwide. You can make a valuable contribution. Remember to bring your donor card or photo ID. Donors must be 17 years of age to donate [16 years of age with parent's consent]. This drive is presented by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club and the Women of Seven Lakes.
- **AWANA Youth Group** – 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, 673-4656.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

- **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 for \$5.

- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** – 2 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. "Worms to the Rescue" or as some call it Vermiculture! Guest speaker will be Betsy Spencer. She will demonstrate how to convert table scraps into high quality and odorless compost using an indoor bin. Bring a medium empty bin and black ink newspaper and take home a natural composting unit Door prize, free raffle. Bring your enthusiasm, questions, & neighbors. Novice to experts, everyone is welcome. Chapel in the Pines, 581 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. [www.sandhillswinery.com](http://www.sandhillswinery.com)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

- **Hiding in Hibernation** – 10 am, (*For Wee-Ones*). Many animals are hiding out for the winter until warmer weather returns. Find out where reptiles, insects and other animals go as we read a book, play some games, and make a craft. Meeting will be inside and outside for this program, so dress for the weather. All activities will be geared towards 3 to 5 year-olds and meant for parents to do with their children. Program will last

approximately 45 minutes. Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd. Southern Pines, (910) 692-2167

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

- **Turkey Shoot** – Alec Creek Farm, Jackson Springs for a Turkey Shoot held every Saturday night at 7 pm, (weather permitting) through January 24. *12 Gauge Shot Guns only*. Win a turkey, ham, slab of bacon or cash. Proceeds benefit Sandhills Animal Rescue League, who are dedicated to the rescue and rehab of stray and abandoned pets. Join the fun and support the animals. Alec Creek Farm, 396 Thomas Road, Jackson Springs. 910-974-4468 or 910-638-1921.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

- **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.
- **West End United Methodist Church Explorers** – 5 pm – 6:30 pm, for

children grades K-5. A time of learning, crafts and activities before eating dinner with the youth from 6 – 6:30 pm. Children's ministry, explore God's Word through scripture, crafts, games. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

- **West End United Methodist Church Youth Group** – 6 – 7:30 pm in the Youth Room at the church. Youth Ministry led by Mandy Allen, open to all youth in 6th – 12th grades. Enjoy fellowship, study and a meal. West End United Methodist Church, 4015 NC Highway 73, West End, 673-1371.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 12**

- **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, Seven Lakes. Group leader Armecia Medlock.
- **Sandhills Photography Club** – 7-9 pm, at the Hannah Center Theater, The O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. Guests welcome. [sandhill-sphotoclub.com](http://sandhill-sphotoclub.com)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13**

- **Zumba Class** – 10:30 to 11:30 am, *free* class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center, 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 673-4656.


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# Nall's Farm: Life on the greener side

You are always home if you never leave.

Northern Moore resident Stephen Nall is content to live on the land he grew up on. In fact, he has lived in the same house all but nine years of his life. When Nall was in elementary school, the family moved just down the road into a new home.

## On the Back Roads

Ellen Marcus

So, when Nall married, he knew just where to find the perfect house for his new bride Virginia. His childhood home became their starter home. It was jacked up, loaded, and moved to a new plot. The Nalls spent years adding on and remodeling.

"It took us a long time," Nall said. "We did the work ourselves."

Nall met his sweetheart by chance.

"Virginia grew up at Flint Hill," he said. "I met her at the Midway Grill. I was nineteen, and she was eighteen. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary this past February."

Virginia is not Nall's only sweetheart. There is, for instance, a pretty, white-faced, orphaned calf in the barn.

"Her mamma died, and I bottled fed her," Nall said. "She is spoiled rotten."

The little calf munched on hay in her warm stall, happy with all of the attention and having her face scratched. Even though she is weaned, Nall admitted he still treats her to a rare bottle of milk.

There's a heifer out in the pasture that is doing poorly; and, before dark, he will need to go check in on her and give her medicine. The day is cold, damp,

and gray. There is no day off when you are a farmer.

The Nalls have beef cattle, horses, a mule, a jack, and two frisky beagles. A stray dog regrettably delivered the chickens to their untimely demise. Nall said he will replenish his brood of hens in the spring.

Nall retired as a manager from N.G. Purvis Farms after 44.5 years. His wife retired after more than twenty years with Perdue Farms.

But retirement can be a lot of work for farmers. Nall pointed out all the work that needs to be done. Nall's parents operated a dairy farm on the land from 1947 to 1963.

We walked over to the electric fence. "There is a lot of money tied up in this fence," Nall laughed. The strong

posts were closely planted, and four strands of electric wire keep the cows and horses safe from wandering into the nearby road.

When Nall turned off the wire, Toby, a Belgium Draft horse, and Sissy came to the fence. Sissy is a beautiful,

(See "Nall," p. 24)



North Moore native Stephen Nall with Toby & Sissy

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## Budget

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structure increase is being driven by higher costs for landscaping maintenance at the new front entrance, along with a significant jump in the cost of right of way maintenance. The latter is expected to increase by 36 percent.

Expenses for Johnson Point, Lakes & Dam, and Safety & Security are expected to be flat or down, while modest increases are expected for West Side Park maintenance (2.03%) and Administration (3.6%).

The Board voted earlier this year to sell some underperforming certificates of deposit and use the proceeds to pay off the mortgage on West Side Park. As a result, debt service costs will go from \$152,500 this year to zero next year.

That will allow the Association to contribute \$853,593 to its reserve accounts, up from \$656,000 in the current year.

Herdrich said almost all of that increase will go to the Road Improvements fund. The Finance Committee is recommending a \$738,593 allocation to Road Improvement reserves, compared to \$508,500 this year. that will be a welcome increase, because the proposed budget calls for \$900,000 in road repaving expenditures in the coming year.

### Change in payment options recommended

In addition to its proposal for the FY 2016 budget, the Finance Committee is recommending a change in the way members may pay their Association dues: eliminating monthly payments made through bill payer services controlled by the member, while retaining the option for monthly payments through an automatic debit controlled by management company CAS, Inc.

Finance Committee member Diane Krause explained that, of 1722 dues-paying members, 87.7 percent either pay their annual dues in full at the beginning of the fiscal year, or set up an automatic draft controlled by CAS.

Another 212 pay with a monthly electronic transfer that they control through online banking. Of those, 112 "are a concern," Krause

said, and "22 are at the attorney" for collection.

"We are concerned about the other 80 accounts," Krause said, explaining that

those members will be late with payments, receive a letter from the office, and resolve the problem, only to reappear on the delinquent list a

month or two later.

"They churn," she said. "The administrative costs are a nightmare. CAS sent out (See "Budget," p. 20)



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## Club

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ers helped alleviate any concerns."

The acquisition is expected to close in mid-January; neither the club nor its owners-to-be have disclosed the price paid for the property. Hann did say that no equity would be returned to the member-owners.

### Golf industry veterans

Galloway and Whittemore are veterans of ClubCorp, the largest owner of private golf and country clubs in the US. ClubCorp owned Pinehurst Resort and Country Club from the mid-1980s until 2006.

The two men also worked together at Century Golf Partners, a golf management and consulting firm that has rights to the Arnold Palmer Golf Management brand.

Galloway, a founding partner at Century Golf, told *The Times* that he left the firm three years ago in order to reduce his travel commitment, spend more time with

his family, and assemble his own portfolio of four to six courses.

He and Whittemore, who was a regional Vice President for Century Golf, have since acquired three courses: Serenoa Golf Club and Rolling Green Golf Club in Sarasota, FL, and West Ridge Golf Club in McKinney, TX, which is part of the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Whittemore resides in Florida; Galloway, in Texas.

Though the Seven Lakes deal has not formally closed, Galloway says he is confident that all the elements are in place.

"We have an agreement with the membership," he said. "And we have a commitment for financing from a local bank — First Bank. We feel very welcomed by the community."

Neither man is a stranger to North Carolina. Galloway said he and Whittemore both attended scores of ClubCorp corporate gatherings in Pinehurst — and that he has

always been impressed by the friendliness of North Carolinians.

"The people of North Carolina really distinguish themselves," he said. "We fell in love with the area."

And, evidently with Seven Lakes Country Club.

### Selling top quality at a competitive price

"Did you know that Pete Tufts was the godson of Donald Ross?" Galloway asked, linking the designer of the Seven Lakes course to the storied designer of Pinehurst #2.

He added that Tufts had

designed only three golf courses, "and Seven Lakes is his best. This is a very unique property."

Galloway is clearly impressed with both the history and the quality of the Seven Lakes course — and those will serve as corner-

(See "Club," p. 21)



**Seven Lakes Country Club's 11th Hole** — Over the years, photographers have found this vista particularly irresistible. This shot was taken, likely sometime in the late 1970s, by Seven Lakes pioneer Noni Scheuer. It was printed on a postcard used to market the new residential development and its golf course.

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fifty-three letters this month."

"It creates an administrative burden and cost. We want to no longer offer monthly payments through bill payer services."

Herdrich explained that the monthly payment option would continue to be avail-

able to landowners, but only through setting up a automatic debit controlled by CAS.

"We will take up these and any other recommendations at the Town Hall Meeting on January 5," President Keyser said.

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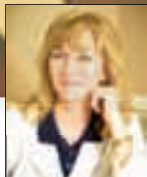
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## Club

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stones of his efforts to market the club. He noted that the Seven Lakes course is "in great shape, great condition."

The goal will be to attract new members, attract more non-member play from area residents, and to attract golfers from markets within driving distance for golf weekend getaways.

"You can't be successful in golf today by being exclusive or narrowly-focused," Galloway said. "You have to be very welcoming to all."

He explained that many contemporary golfers are "recreation-oriented."

"They are interested in fun, affordable recreation," he said.

"Our rates will be as competitive — or more competitive — than anything in the market. We will have the best quality-price combination available," he said.

"The quality is already there, and I'm in charge of setting my prices. We intend to be busy."

### All-inclusive golf

Galloway said he intends to implement "all-inclusive golf," a marketing concept that he started more than twenty years ago at Club-Corp.

The idea is to offer a round of golf, plus either breakfast or lunch, plus two draft beers

or other beverages, for a single price. And the cost of the extras will not be added on top of the cost of the golf, he stressed. "That will be complementary."

In the near term, current Seven Lakes members can expect to see improvements to the course and clubhouse, but no increase in membership cost. Club President Hann told *The Times* that the new owners have agreed to leave membership pricing as is for the first year.

Galloway said he and Whittemore plan to invest in a new roof and new HVAC system for the clubhouse, as well as fixing some cart path problems on the course.

Come the Fall of 2105, he said, they will rehabilitate the greens, enlarging to conform to Tufts' original design. Galloway explained that, over time, the bermuda grass from the fairways encroaches on the bent grass of the greens, slowly making them smaller.

### Good for the course, good for the community

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Board member Steve Ritter told *The Times* that he believes the sale of the club will be good for its future — and for the future of Seven Lakes.

"It is huge for the community that this has come to

pass," Ritter, a former president of Seven Lakes Country Club, said. "I don't know what would have happened with the property if it had to be foreclosed."

Though club leadership hasn't disclosed the state of the club's finances outside of membership meetings, the organization reportedly has a substantial mortgage note with First Bank.

"The homeowners association should be very happy that they have a very viable organization taking over ownership of the club," Ritter said.

Ritter said the late Bud Shaver, who himself had served on both the Club and Association boards, fifteen years ago predicted that the decline in membership would ultimately make the member-owned Club no longer viable.

Shaver's analysis didn't take into account the substantial increase in outside play the Club has been able to attract in recent years — reportedly producing as much as \$500,000 in income.

But the market for golf is changing — and becoming

far more price competitive, Ritter said.

"We are talking not \$60 to \$70 a round, but \$32 to \$40 a round," he explained. The new owners "bring in the expertise in marketing" to be successful in that increas-

ingly competitive environment, he added.

"They will bring in more and different customers," Ritter said, "and let them see our community. And that may generate some home sales."

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## His eye is on the sparrow

We left the Piedmont's fall colors to drive up to the mountains for the weekend.

Boone's foliage was past its peak. The hardwood limbs stretched bare against the cold sky and patches of snow sparkled on winter rye. Coming back down the mountain the seasons reversed and the gold sycamore leaves, crimson maples, and the orange of red oaks showed their true colors.

On the opposite side of the interstate an old man was slowly walking up the steep hill. We decided to check on him.

We found a turn and drove back. I asked him if he was ok. He told me he was going to pick up his cans. I told him we would give him a ride. At 84, he was no longer limber; and I helped him into the front seat.

His name was Mr. Darby. He was dressed sensibly, in overalls, a flannel shirt, jacket, and work boots. We had driven about a mile back up the road when he pointed to an automotive garage. Next to the building was a Coke machine with six empty cans in a wooden box. I collected them.

"Sometimes there's more," he said.

We all sat quietly, enjoying the beautiful day. Jeff asked him where he needed to go. He directed us a couple of

miles back down the interstate to a side road. He said that I would find cans behind the railing of a bridge. Sure enough, there was a bag with cans and two bags of candy corn.

Mr. Darby said he knew where we could get a fish sandwich, hot-dogs, and a Pepsi. We got back on the interstate and headed east.

Mr. Darby had his window down and smiled as the breeze blew in.

After six miles, I was beginning to wonder if we were adopting Mr. Darby. Then he pointed to a convenience store.

Mr. Darby and the girls sat in the car, while Jeff ordered our lunch and I bought Mr. Darby some groceries. I picked foods dense in protein while easy on the gums: Vienna sausages, Spam, weenies, crackers, cheese, V-8, honey-buns, baked beans, Snickers, bananas, bread, milk, and, of course, cans of soda.

A young man in work overalls called me over. He said he knew Mr. Darby.

Mr. Darby's family had been in the timber business. Mr. Darby and his father had

cut timber with a crosscut saw until they got too old.

Then they went into the recycling business.

Once a week, they would make their six mile loop and

## Stirring the Pot

Ellen Marcus

collect cans. Mr. Darby's father had been hit and killed by a car a few years back on one of their walks.

The young man thanked us for giving Mr. Darby a ride and handed me twenty dollars to give him.

I got in the car and gave Mr. Darby the money. He waved his thanks to the man. I couldn't help wondering how many miles Mr. Darby had to walk to earn twenty dollars recycling cans.

The girls munched their fries. The warm smell of fried fish filled the car as we drove him home.

There has never been a road more appropriately named than Pumpkin Run. We drove down into a valley. Mr. Darby pointed out the foliage protected from the wind and the black horse in

her new winter coat. We stopped at his small framed house with its sagging porch.

Outside, under a shed, was stacked wood that a neighbor had given him. Mr. Darby had stiffened up sitting so long, and he slowly got out of the car.

The few groceries we bought now seemed meager. How many pretty Indian summer days would Mr. Darby have to walk and collect his cans? How far would the twenty dollars go? How many sticks of wood would he need to stay warm?

We stood on his porch. His eyes were clear and bright. We said our goodbyes. The lyrics of one of my favorite songs came to mind. "I sing

because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free. For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me."

Worries had robbed me of the respect and appreciation that Mr. Darby deserved. He was living a good and industrious life.

"Let not your heart be troubled, His tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears."

Come bleak February we will turn west again and seek out Mr. Darby.

If he is not out on his walk-about, we might just be lucky enough to find him home and willing to go for a ride, collect some cans, and get a hot fish sandwich.

## Thanks for merchants

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association the Recreation Committee would like to thank the following businesses here in Seven Lakes for their generous door prize donations that were given away at the annual Seven Lakes Landowners Association Christmas Party on December 14:

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# A season of waiting, expectantly

When I was a kid, we ate bagels after church.

We bought them from Kupel's Bakery down Harvard street from Congregation Kehillath Israel in Brookline, Massachusetts.

After a while — probably after going over to a friend's house in elementary school — I learned that bagels were a Jewish food and the neighborhood where we went to get them was a Jewish neighborhood.

I didn't think of Jewish people as much different than us Presbyterians. I just understood that my Jewish friends had, what in my mind, was a longer Christmas called Hanukkah which featured dreidels which were better than regular spinning tops because they had an official song — a song I learned at a Hanukkah party at our local library.

I was invited to the party by my Jewish friend who didn't think my Presbyterianism was a drawback where making menorahs was concerned. I was well known for being a good crafting partner.

And that brings me to Vacation Bible school crafts which is something that has come up a lot in our concerts recently. There are no Jewish people on Jewell Ridge in Southwest Virginia and no bagels, either.

One summer, while going to one of the four or five Vacation Bible Schools I went to with my sister every year, I mentioned making a menorah and learning the dreidel song to my craft partner while we made our own Jonah and the whale spoonrests.

He looked at me with shock and, as though he were a Biblical scholar, said in a

huffy voice, "Don't you know they killed Jesus?"

I decided that was a great time to break into a Bible song and that I'd wait to talk with my Dad, who was an actual Biblical scholar, about that indictment later.

From then on, things seemed to get more complicated as far as religion was concerned, right

down to my third grade friend, Katherine, who was a Jehovah's Witness, being picked on for not saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Perhaps I mention all of this because we recently spent nine days in the desert. Spending time in the desert was also big in the Bible — though John the Baptist didn't have an Airstream travel trailer and a banjo, so the mere idea of being in the desert will have to be the extent of the comparison.

But we came out of the desert on a Friday and, if it were another Friday in months past, you many have found me at Shabbat welcoming the beloved in song with my Jewish friends. And on the following Sunday, you may have found me seeking the light at a Friends meeting, or singing up grace at the Friendly Chapel Church on Smith Ridge.

The greatest lesson that I hold from the First Presbyterian Church of Brookline, from the Friendly Chapel, and Oseh Shalom is the enduring gifts of love and kindness, and the call to celebrate the goodness of others. It all sounds so simple, but of course it's not in a world

that often wants to push you to hold fast to certain beliefs at the cost of kindness and friendship.

The desert teaches kindness, too — from the tiny

saints awaited their own union with the beloved.

I, too, have been waiting expectantly during this season of Advent, waiting for repose after a long and busy tour, waiting for inspiration for my art, and waiting for renewal of spirit for the work to come. Each day in the desert, I was rewarded with a solo butterfly, a quintet of chipmunks, a duet of kangaroo rats, a quartet of yipping coyotes, and a solitary shooting star.

One night, I sat in the cold for half an hour in three layers of summer clothes to look at a perfect circle in the atmosphere around the moon which I had never seen in all my life. The haloed moon reminded me of singing carols — "Star of wonder, star of

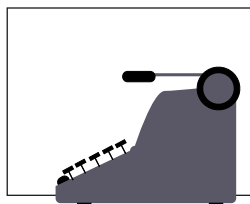
night" — with the Presbyterians in Brookline, Massachusetts. Many of them have passed on now, but I love them for being the people with whom I worshipped and wondered nearly every Sunday for seven years when I was a kid — which was also seven beautiful years of Sundays going to the Jewish neighborhood to buy chewy, warm, unforgettable, salt bagels at Kupel's Bakery.

May this season of Advent, Hanukkah, Christmas, and the New Year bring you joy, understanding, and kindness.

*Jeni Hankins is a touring singer-songwriter. You can hear her music at [jeniandbilly.com](http://jeniandbilly.com)*

## Your Turn

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bacteria that form a protective, life-giving, crust across thousands of acres of sand to the thirsty coyote who howls alone at night, from the tiny electric yellow lichen to the glorious Joshua Tree — each being has its vital place in the delicate patchwork of the desert wonderland. If any one piece was lost, the desert would suffer dearly.

In this expectant season of Advent, I find that my enjoyment of the wait is deepened because I have sung with my Jewish friends who await the arrival of the beloved every Shabbat, and because I have prayed with my Catholic friends whose

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Thank You for all of your support and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Seven Lakes EMS Board  
of Directors, Chief  
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## Christmas Party Thanks

### Dear Editor:

The Seven Lakes North/South Merry Christmas Party was held on December 14 at the North Side Clubhouse.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the residents who came out to help us celebrate.

A very special thanks goes to Ralph and Shirley Shank (aka Santa and Mrs. Claus) who made it a special day for the children.

Our local merchants also deserve a thanks you for their generosity in providing the numerous door prizes. And last but not least, a big

thank you goes out to the Seven Lakes Landowners Association Recreation Committee. They worked long and hard to make it a successful occasion for everyone. Hope to see all of you again next year.

*Mary Farley  
SLLA Recreation Director*

## Nall's Farm

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trim, and neat three-quarter Florida Cracker and one-quarter Quarter horse. She is trained to pull Nall's Amish buggy.

Toby was resplendent in his roan winter coat. He lost his mate a year ago.

"I thought he was going to go crazy," Nall said. "I put Sissy in with him and they took to one another."

Nall is happy to live away from the traffic of Southern Moore County.

"This has always been my home," he said. "After all these years, this where I want to be. You can visit other places; but, when I come back, this is where I am content."

The steel grey late afternoon sky slightly brightened, with less than an hour left to dark.

Nall headed out in his little pickup to care for his sick cow.

When done he will return to Virginia and his childhood home lit up with Christmas

lights. Nall's heart has never had to wander; it has always been home.

It's a rare person that can recognize that his own pasture is always the greenest.

## Methodist Men's Breakfast

The West End United Methodist Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, January 3 at 8 am.

The men will meet and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and a time of fellowship. After breakfast, there will be a brief devotional and to discuss projects to assist both the church and the community. Any man of the church or the community is welcome to attend.

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## Bright Meadow

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practicing the first of December, and we practice daily two times a day."

Although the preschoolers only have two to three weeks to prepare their songs, the teachers do all that they can to make sure students are ready for the day of the performance.

"It really isn't teaching the songs," St. Onge explained. "It's more about them cooperating, participating, [and] singing when it comes time. For example, we had one child cry, walking out to her parents. The singing is the easy part, but all that is just because it's preschool."

"You have to understand that they're preschoolers, and it's to be expected," Ptak said. "You do your best to train them to walk in a line and go to the chair. . . They have fun; I think they really enjoy it. They're excited that mommy and daddy are coming to see them."

"Music is a universal language. You can teach anything usually to music. They all love music," Allen said.

### Welcoming the Holidays

All teachers agree that the energy level and excitement of the children raises significantly around the holidays.

"They're excited," St. Onge said. "When you bring out the decorations, start singing Christmas carols, and start reading Christmas stories, they're building up that anticipation. They know what happens on Christmas day."

The students excitement grows when they realize that the same songs they sing at preschool are being sung everywhere this time of the year.

"I had a couple [children] say, 'We sang that at Church,' . . .," Allen said. "Then they hear it on the radio too."

The teachers have also been preparing the students for Christmas by doing daily crafts with them, including a pinecone Christmas tree, a popsicle stick Christmas tree, paper stockings, foam bell ornaments, and a special keepsake ornament painted

to look like the face of a snowman.

"Every year, we send home a craft that the teacher and child do together that will be a keepsake ornament that they can hang on their tree," St. Onge said.

Each child was able to add rosy cheeks to his or her snowman by leaving red-paint thumbprints. These special crafts were sent home with the children in goody bags after the presentation.

The excitement of the children rubs off onto the teachers.

"I get up and I'm excited about coming! . . .," Allen said. "They are just a joy, and they do and say things that just make you chuckle!"

Allen is the newest member of Bright Meadow's staff, this being her first year teaching at the preschool. VegaBravo has been teaching for two years, and St. Onge for seven years.

### Seeing a need, creating a business

Ptak opened Bright Meadow Christian Preschool in 2003, shortly before opening the sister company, Kool Kids After School Care, which opened in 2004.

"I was looking for a preschool for my own children that was half a day, since I was a stay at home mom, and there were none in the Seven Lakes area," Ptak explained.

Ptak was not intimidated by teaching a room full of preschoolers due to her previous experiences and knowledge of young children.

"I had four children at the time," she explained, "and I was used to having a lot of kids around me. I also did my church's Vacation Bible School and Children's Church program, so I was already used to teaching children."

"I feel like I'm serving a need in the community," she continued, "I had no clue

when I started that it would last this long.

"So many families over the years had preschool education and we've been successful. We've been teaching children to read, and we've had many compliments from West End Elementary that all of the [Bright Meadow] children who graduate are usually at the top of their class."

### Academics plus values

Bright Meadow offers a structured environment for children to come and learn academically, while also learning good moral values.

"Our main goal is to prepare them for kindergarten in a Christian environment. [We want] to partner with


the parents in raising their children with good morals and a Christian environment while they're learning. The core of our program is academic," she said.

Although Ptak now spends most of her time in administrative duties, teaching is her first love.

"I certainly miss teaching, which I did the first few years we were open," she said. "I enjoy substituting for the teachers who may be out now and again. I enjoy coming out of the administrative work temporarily and getting my little teaching fix with the kids."

"My favorite part right now would be just getting on the

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## Decisions

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of pool covers if necessary.

"That increase to \$94,000 came about today at the Finance Committee meeting," Leach said. "I think it was excellent recommendation, so we don't slow down progress."

Resident Les Summers said: "I would like to know how many people on the board have read these three bids. It is an \$83,000 expenditure."

Racine held up an inch thick report and said, "I have stayed up late reviewing this file. During the October meeting the proposal was \$75,510 — that was approved by the recreation committee. Then it was up to \$83,910. I don't know where that increase came from."

Sohl explained that the \$75,510 amount had not included replacing the coping tile — an oversight that he brought to the company's attention. The company had then revised their quote to include the tile.

With that explanation in hand, Board Members voted unanimously to approve the quote and begin work as soon

as possible.

"Don't forget we need a new pump," resident George Temple reminded the Directors.

### More approvals

Wrapping up more unfinished business, the Board approved several other much-discussed expenditures, including:

- The security contract with Universal Protection Services at a total cost of \$227,300, which includes expanding the hours of lake patrol during the boating season.
- The landscaping and mowing contract with Davenport Landscaping Services at a cost of just under \$140,000.
- The construction of two bocce ball courts at an estimated cost of \$8,000, with a contingency of \$450 for any unforeseen expenses. The work will begin as soon as weather permits.

### Where the money's coming from

After the Board approved in excess of \$500,000 in capital expenditures and contract

renewals, Treasurer Sackmann explained where all that money is coming from.

"There has been misunderstandings among residents," Sackmann said. "The money being used to pay for pool repairs, pasture fencing, and bocce courts all comes from the unrestricted [reserve] account. There are funds currently available to pay for these projects. The Restricted [reserve] Fund is for roads and dam repair."

### Spotting leaks, saving money

"Former Director and Treasurer Conrad Meyer has taken his time and reviewed all the monthly water bills for the last year and created a spread sheet flagging areas that might have a leak," Sackmann reported. "The sheet will be reviewed for explanations for high usage and followed carefully to make sure there are no leaks."

"The Finance Committee has asked him to do the same for electric usage," she added. "We certainly appreciate his diligence in this endeavor."

### Other business

In other business during the SLLA's December 17 Open Meeting:

- Community Manager Sohl reported that he met with the Association's dam engineer, responding to a request from the Lakes and Dams committee to have the condition of the dams reviewed.
- Assistant Stables Manager Samantha Baker, a Seven Lakes resident, has been promoted to manager. "She's been here a long time, and has paid her dues and worked her way up," Sohl said.

- Presenting the quarterly report for the Architectural Review Board [ARB], Jane Leach said the panel had approved nineteen projects since October 1. She noted that ARB would begin to give monthly reports starting in January.
- In the spirit of the season, the Judicial and Standards Committee does not send violation letters out during the holidays. "Because of Christmas we do not believe we should send out letters," Racine reported. "We will be out tomorrow checking the whole list and follow up at the first of next year."



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## Bright

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kids' level and teaching them and having fun with them and interacting with them and just knowing that I'm giving something to them that God has flowing out of me. . . I kind of view them as my extended family."

Ptak views Christmas as the time to be thankful for all God has given. It is the perfect time to reflect on how far Bright Meadow has come over the past eleven years.

"I had no clue of the impact on the community over the years how many families we've touched," she said.



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## Westside meeting

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The Board briefly discussed a petition from one homeowner for relief from the \$50 fine.

"Folks have been coming in and complaining, but everyone else has paid," President Keyser reported.

"She paid, but she thinks the fee is too high," Mendence added.

"She just made the point," Director Pierman said. "fifty dollars is a significant amount, and it makes an impression."

Board members denied the request for relief.

### ARC Rules Changes

Also during their December 16 meeting, the SLWLA Board approved on second reading an amendment to ARC standard 3.08, clarifying that a contractor's check, not a landowners check, must be

used to pay the compliance deposit.

The Board gave final approval to an amendment to ARC standard 6.08, clarifying that homeowners must receive written certificates of completion from both SLWLA and Moore County before moving in.

ARC standard 7.02.2 was revised to clarify that property owners are encouraged to landscape their entire property after construction, not just the area immediately adjacent to the home.

Directors approved the addition of Scott Miner to the ARC Committee.

### Other business

In other business during the Tuesday, December 16 meeting of the SLWLA Board:

- The Board approved a change to the financial policies limiting investments to

those with maturities of three to five years and requiring liquid short term capital funds sufficient to meet three months needs.

- In addition, all references to "suspense accounts" were removed from the financial policies. Herdrich explained that these "can lead to a black box where expenses fall into and never come out of."

- The Board appointed Dale Shepard to the Finance Committee.

- The regular Tuesday, January 27 Board meeting was moved to January 20 to allow staff sufficient time to prepare the Annual Meeting mailing, once the proposed FY2016 budget is approved.

- The Board agreed to move \$1800 from capital reserves for use in installing a living fence along Grace Court where it borders Lucas Road.

- Manager Jeanette Mendence reported that the last two elements of the front entry project — the planting of a few trees and addition of directional arrows to the pavement — will be finished before year-end.

- Mendence reported that 125 residents attended the Holiday Party, chaired by Nancy Workman and Sue Shepard.

- More than 50 attended the Children's Holiday Party, chaired by Helen Mantila. Mendence noted that Mantila has handled organization of most children's events over the past year, but will be moving, so new volunteers are needed to chair those events.

- Secretary Mandy Goodman reported that adminis-

tration of the SLWLA website and eBlast system had passed from Jane Sessler, who initiated both systems, to Goodman and the CAS office staff. She encouraged residents to thank Sessler for her work on behalf of the community.

- Director Pierman reported that an additional layer of asphalt surface will be added to the newly repaved stretch of Longleaf Drive after the first of the year. Another 1.7 miles of Longleaf will be repaved next year.

- Director Bob Fewkes reported that boat registration renewal forms will be going out in early February. "The procedure will be the same as last year," he added.

- Fewkes said the Associ-

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## SLLA Candidates

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their name after collecting fifty signatures," Sackmann said. Petitions must be submitted to the Board at its last meeting in January.

Resident George Temple encouraged interested residents to give it a go.

"My comment is to encourage anybody that is interested to step up," Temple said. "It would be wonderful to have seven or eight candidates. Getting fifty signatures is

not difficult — they ought to try it out."

Racine laughed and said that he had once signed a candidate petition "for a person opposing me. I would like to say that I take my hat off to the five candidates and hope that they will take an approach of working together."

"I have enjoyed working with each board member, even if we don't always agree," he added. "We are not here

to rubberstamp, but to have discussion and go forward."

In addition to the terms of Racine and Hill, Director Steve Ritter's term will end in March, as will the term of Bill Hirsch, who resigned from the Board earlier this year.

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## Westside candidates

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after graduating from Campbell University's Pharmacy School in 1998.

A native of Gainesville, FL, Beaty and his wife have lived in Seven Lakes West for eight years; they have two children, ages nine and six. They attend St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Southern Pines.

In addition to boating and fishing on Lake Auman, Beaty coaches recreation league soccer.

"We plan on living in Seven Lakes West for a very long time," Beaty wrote in his brief biography, "and we are heavily invested in the community's success."

### Jim Greaves

Jim Greaves is a co-founder of Robotic Systems Integration, a Chicago-based firm that develops software for machine and robot control. He developed his interest and skills in software development while attending Purdue University for building construction management.

Building his own business provided Greaves with experience in disciplines from human resources management to shipping and receiving, he told the Nominating

Committee.

A native of Indiana, Greaves and his wife moved to Seven Lakes West in 2008 from Chicago. They and their two children are avid users of Westside amenities.

Greaves wrote in his brief biography that he believes his "skill set of automating systems and continuous process improvement could be used to help further the tremendous progress this board and past board have made towards making Seven Lakes West a vibrant, well-functioning community."

### John Hildebrand

John Hildebrand is a commercial real estate appraiser with Integra Realty Resources - Raleigh, assessing the value of a wide range of commercial properties, including retail, office, industrial, multi-family, lodging, and subdivisions.

A resident of NC since the age of seven, he grew up near Wilmington on the Intra-coastal Waterway. A graduate of UNC-Wilmington, Hildebrand spent a few years in Richmond before returning to the Old North State.

He and his wife have two sons, aged 13 and 11. Hildebrand coaches recreation

league soccer and basketball and is an active member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. He's a member of the Lake Auman "Buoy Boys."

Hildebrand wrote in his brief biography that he believes that, as a relatively new resident, he "can bring a fresh perspective to the Board" and offer the "ability to look at each situation from an unbiased perspective," which is the core requirement of his job as an appraiser.

### Jack Lattin

Michigan native Jack Lattin has owned property in Seven Lakes West since 2002; he and his wife built their retirement home on the West Side and moved in in 2012.

Lattin spent 35 years working for General Motors in

Quality Control, retiring as Quality Manager and Assistant Plant Manager. A graduate of the US Army Sergeants Major Academy, he served as a Command Sergeant Major for 27 years.

He was President of a homeowners association in Michigan for five years and has been an active community volunteer in Seven Lakes West, including serving on the Architectural Review Committee.

Lattin wrote in his brief biography that he feels it is the responsibility of every homeowner to serve the community. He said he believes in "an open transparent relationship and community involvement with the Board."

### John Shaughnessy

A New Englander by birth,

John Shaughnessy spent his working years at a regional school district in New York's Hudson Valley. A graduate of Cortland State University, with a major in Physical Education and Health, he taught, coached, and directed a department of physical education and athletics.

Shaughnessy and his wife moved to Seven Lakes fifteen years ago, and he has been an active community volunteer with Seven Lakes Kiwanis, Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines, and Beacon Ridge Golf & Country Club.

Shaughnessy wrote in his brief biography that Board service will allow him to give back to the community. He said he would "encourage future growth that fits the lifestyle we already have."

## Meeting

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ation is in the process of rewriting and resubmitting the state-required Emergency Action Plan for Lake Auman Dam.

• Charlie Flinchum asked

during public comment whether additional holiday decorations would be installed at the front entrance. Manager Mendence replied that "what is up is all that is going up."



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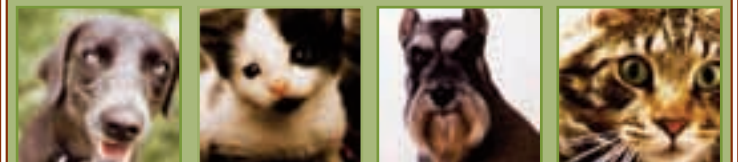
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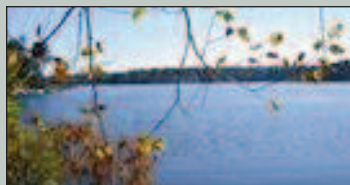
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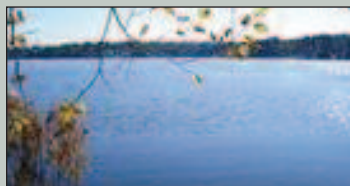
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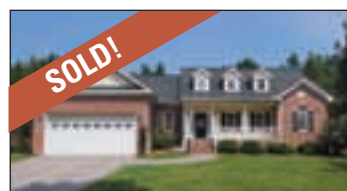
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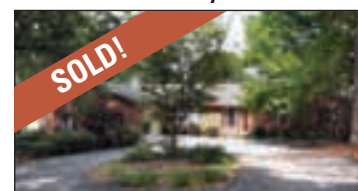
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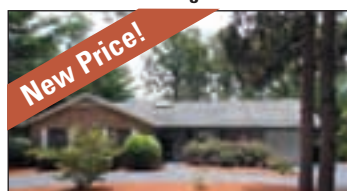
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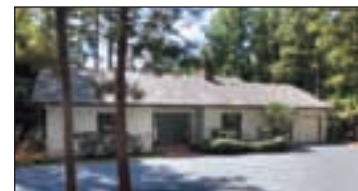
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