

SLLA's Hirsch bows out, back in

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Bill Hirsch was, wasn't, and then was again a member of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association (SLLA) Board of Directors during the month of June.

The first item of business during the Wednesday, June 25 SLLA Open Meeting was addressing Hirsch's resignation and desire to be reinstated.

Hirsch resigned by email following the May 28 open meeting, but made his resignation effective after the June 2 work session so that he could present the Multi-Year Capital Project Forecast Plan for Director Chuck Leach who was on vacation.

Hirsch had since rethought his resignation — which was never announced to the membership — and asked to be reinstated. The board voted unanimously approve his reinstatement.

Three is the magic number

The new and recently-approved SLLA bylaws came in handy during the meeting. When the open meeting began, Hirsch was not a member of the Board, and

Steve Ritter and Mary Farley were absent.

That left only Bob Racine, Sandy Sackman, and Chuck Leach to conduct business.

With only three directors in attendance, a member from the audience questioned whether there was in fact a quorum.

President Racine referred to the new by-laws and said that the rewrite now allowed for three directors to constitute a quorum.

Article VII, Section 3 of the bylaws reads: "A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum." Hirsch's temporary resignation, combined with a pre-existing vacancy, left the board with five members in all.

Crack-Sealing Contract Questioned

Sohl presented the Board with a proposal for crack-sealing the asphalt on Firetree Lane and at the North Gate, as well as restriping the parking lot at the Landowners Office and North Mailhouse. The Board had considered the proposed repairs during its June 2 work session and, on a motion from Director Hirsch, moved it for action

(See "SLLA," p. 27)

Propelled by the wind



Bert Van Domselaar, Kitty Cobb, and Cameron Brasswell enjoy a breezy day on Lake Auman. The Seven Lakes Sailing Club recently held its annual school for sailors-to-be. See our story on page 6.

Sedlak joins Foxfire Council

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



The Foxfire Village Council has appointed Jon Sedlak to serve out the unexpired term of Councilman George Erickson.

Erickson, who served as mayor for the past nine years, resigned effective July 1, because he is moving to Florida, for at least part of the year.

Sedlak will replace Erickson as a member of the council, but not, necessarily, as mayor. The council will need to elect a mayor from among its members at a future meeting.

Sedlak served as the Village's Water Superintendent for six years. His appointment came at the conclusion of a Thursday, July 3 special

meeting, during which council members interviewed both Sedlak and Helen Kirk, the only other applicant for Erickson's seat.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Dur-

ham presided over the meeting, with council members Mick McCue, Leslie Frusco, and Vic Koos present.

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Helen Kirk & Jon Sedlak applied for an open seat on the Foxfire Village Council. Sedlak was appointed.

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"The most attractive thing about Ed2Go is the convenience," said Galloway. "You can take a class on weekends or holidays or in the middle of the night in your pajamas and curlers."

Lakeway Drive and RR Crossing Closures

Seven Lakes West's front entrance project and the Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway's repaving of the Lakeway Drive crossing and installation of new crossing gates will impact traffic at the crossing and on Lakeway Drive the most of the remainder of July.

The Seven Lakes West Landowners Association posted this rundown of important dates on their website:

Tuesday July 8 – Friday, July 18 - The Exit lane after Parkwood and the Pinnacles will be close to

all traffic.

Saturday July 19 - The Exit lane after Parkwood and the Pinnacles will be reopened to traffic.

Wednesday July 23 - Exit and entrance lanes will be closed to all traffic for final grading and paving.

Thursday July 24 at 4:00 pm - The ACWR will close all access to the front entrance, including BB&T and the commercial center.

Monday July 28 - The exit and entrance lanes open and project completed.

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SLLA capital project schedule approved

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



More than six months of work went into developing the Multi-Year Capital Planning & Project Schedule that was approved by the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board during the Wednesday, June 25 Open Meeting.

The plan recommends and prioritizes repairs and upgrades to SLLA buildings and grounds that fall outside the scope of routine maintenance. Recommendations from the Reserve Study were also considered and prioritized.

Among the projects recommended for the current fiscal year are refurbishing the North Clubhouse kitchen and resurfacing the tennis courts. On the list for next year are upgrades to the shelters at lakefront recreation areas.

The plan, collected in a large spreadsheet, proposes more than \$250,000 in projects for FY2015 and \$20,500 for FY2016. Each project is assigned a priority rating to help guide board decision making about what to tackle first.

The SLLA Board reviewed the plan during its June work session and moved it to the open meeting for action.

Moving too fast?

President Bob Racine expressed concern that the plan was pushed through too quickly and thought the plan deserved community input.

"Allow for any ideas that members would want to put it in," Racine suggested, during the June 25 open meeting. "Then bring it back to the board to review it. All I am asking is to have the opportunity to review them. If there is an urgent matter, then we can take it separately."

Leach, who had facilitated the development of the plan, reminded the board that the plan is only a forecast and cannot be acted on as whole.

Referring to the Reserve Study recommendations,

Leach said, "We obviously don't have money to get everything done at once. The plan allows for budgeting for future work."

Further approvals required

"Each item will go to the full board for a vote before it is acted on," Leach said.

Hirsch agreed with Leach. "It's a game plan," Hirsch said. "I don't see any reason to postpone approving recommendations that came from committees. It's a living, working tool that we have never had before. Tabling this just puts off our responsibility of maintaining this community."

Racine said it is important that the plan allow for shifting priorities as needed and for unforeseen circumstances.

Leach encouraged member participation and welcomed input from the community.

"There is no harm in adding more items to the list," Leach said. "The forecast plan doesn't preclude items from being added. I would like to have good input from the community. They may have ideas that we haven't thought of. I wholeheartedly endorse that."

Hirsch moved acceptance of the plan, which passed three to one, with Racine opposed.

Reassured that the plan only offered suggestions for future maintenance and repairs, and that it was fluid and capable of being adjusted, Racine made a motion to schedule a town meeting in July for community input. The motion passed unanimously. That meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, at 7:00 pm in the North Clubhouse.

SLLA Manager Ray Sohl informed the board and audience that a packet with the

proposed plan had been emailed to the entire community the previous Friday.

During the financial report, Treasurer Sackman said Leach had presented the Capital Forecast Plan to the Finance Committee on June 18.

"I understand that the four of them crawled up, on, under, and through everything available to come up with the approximate cost of repairs," Sackman added.

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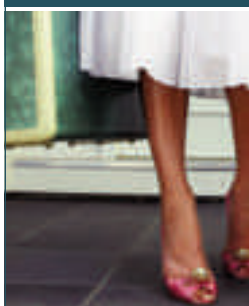
President Bob Racine announced during the Association's Wednesday, June 25 Open Meeting that applications are now being

taken to fill the empty seat.

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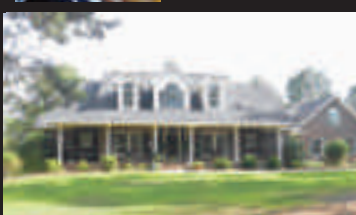
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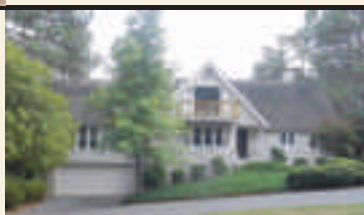


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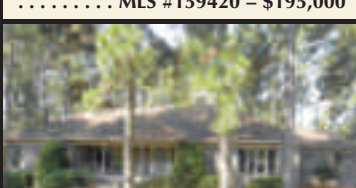
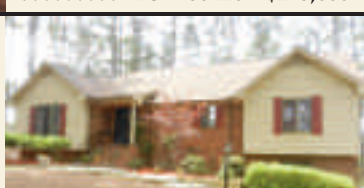
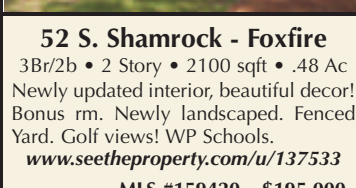
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Council debates burning rules, water rates

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Life on six country acres is quite different than life on a one-acre lot in a suburban neighborhood — a fact that members of the Foxfire Village Council have confronted again and again over the past few months, as they work to update village ordinances and the rules that govern development.

The town-country divide came to the fore in a preliminary conversation about open burning during the council's Thursday, June 26 Work Session.

There is a longstanding moratorium on open burning within the Village — a burning ban that was established several years ago during a drought and has not been revisited. Recently, a village resident requested a burn permit, and another expressed his desire to burn debris during the June council meeting.

"It is something for us to consider," Councilman Mick McCue said. "I had an enquiry from a resident on an equestrian property, within the city limits, asking what was the process to get a permit. Looking at the current ordinance, we allow burning when permitted by the village clerk. There was an approved moratorium on issuing burn permits, based on water restrictions and drought issues."

But homes are more concentrated within the core vi-

lage. "It's too small community, and it's not healthy," Councilman Steve Durham said.

The Village has, over the last decade, annexed subdivisions like Grande Pines, with its six and ten acre-lots, as well as neighboring rural properties whose owners sought annexation in order to be served by the Village's water system.

And the one-mile Extra Territorial Jurisdiction [ETJ] that surrounds the village includes tree farms and agricultural land. Occasional burning is the natural and recommended practice for maintaining a stand of long-leaf pine.

Different rules for different size properties?

"My first thoughts were in terms of burning as a safety issue," Councilwoman Leslie Frusco said. "I look at all this property that surrounds Foxfire in our ETJ. The people who live in the ETJ can burn as long as they get a permit. That means the smoke is going to affect our residents. So, from that stand point, I would really like to go back to what I had originally dis-

cussed — and that is burn permits determined by acreage."

"I am trying get away from the golf course mentality," Frusco continued. "I am trying to look at the overall village. There are larger pieces of property. We are creating a hardship for those people that are in the village. They live right next door to their neighbors in the ETJ that can burn. I think that we should seriously look at an acreage amount of five or six acres. And we need to look back at the original ordinance."

"I have an acre of property and I can handle cleanup and get to the yard waste center," Frusco said. The Village provides a yard debris site for residents.

"Probably on two acres of land I could do that," she continued. "If I had five acres, then that might become pretty prohibitive financially. I think we need to look at the fact that we have a diverse municipality, and we need to consider the needs of all the residents here. I think it makes more sense to determine controlled burning by acreage. I think we should

request that planning and zoning look into the issue of burning."

"We can control the corporate limits," Durham said. "It's the responsibility of the homeowner to have a clean lot."

When Foxfire was first incorporated, the village ordinances provided for burn permits.

"You have to remember that a lot of people moved out here and purchased properties when there wasn't a burning ban," Frusco said.

The issue is likely to be revisited in future council meetings and work sessions.

Water rates and conservation

In May, Councilman Durham presented the results of his research into water

rates and his analysis of the Village's current water rate schedule.

The Environmental Finance Center at the UNC School of Government provides a model that allows for rate analysis. The user-friendly program allowed Durham to experiment with different rates in order to determine what might provide the best benefit to residents.

The Village's current rate schedule uses a "rate block" structure that charges heavy users of water more per gallon. Durham recommended leaving the rates as they are at the bottom of the rate schedule. He suggested that the rates were too high for heavy users and should be adjusted.

There are approximately
(See "Water," p. 25)



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Erickson honored for service to Foxfire

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter



Longtime Foxfire Village Mayor George Erickson was recognized for his many years of service during the Village Council's Tuesday, July 8 regular meeting.

Presenting Erickson with a plaque, Councilwoman Leslie Frusco said, "George, it is with a great deal of pride that I present this to you — and a great deal of sadness that I present this to you."

"George, who has faithfully served this village as a councilperson and as mayor for more than eleven years," she continued. "George, who has served on numerous committees and volunteered before that, I am not even sure that I can count how many years of service that you have given to this village."

She presented the plaque "in appreciation to George Erickson and recognition of his leadership and dedication to Foxfire Village as coun-

cilman from 2003 to 2005 and as mayor from 2005 to 2014. I thank you for all your service to the village it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve with you."

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Durham echoed Frusco's comments and thanked Erickson for his service.

"George, good luck to you and enjoy your second third or fourth retirement," Durham said.

Whether Erickson has retired for good may be up to the powers-that-be in his new Florida community.

"I have already cranked up my resume and am looking up volunteer work for down there," he laughed. "This has been a wonderful time. This is a great community. I have said many times I love this place, but now I am going to be moving on."

The June 8 meeting marked the first for newly-appointed council member Jon Sedlak. All council members were present for the meeting, with the exception of Mick McCue.

Good Fences

After many months of discussion and rewrite, Foxfire's Planning and Zoning Chairwoman Mary Gilroy presented — and the council approved — updated ordinances concerning fences.

New ordinances were written for privacy and perimeter fencing. Fences are limited to a maximum opacity of sixty percent and must be made of wood, stone, brick, wrought iron, powder coated aluminum, PVC, or a combination of any of these materials.

The maximum height for dog runs is forty-eight inches.

All privacy fencing located within the setback line, with the exception of swimming pools, have a maximum height of sixty inches. Swimming pool security fences have a maximum height of six feet.

Perimeter fences between the setback line and property

line have a maximum height of forty-eight inches.

Gated community security fencing is allowed a maximum height of six feet.

The RA-Residential Agriculture Zoning District, which lies almost exclusively in the Village's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction [ETJ], is exempt from all fencing or wall reg-

ulations, and the requirement for approval, except for fences or walls along main roads leading into and out of Foxfire Village.

Gilroy's draft incorporated modifications that had been discussed during the July work session. Councilman McCue had sent an email

(See "Foxfire," p. 24)

Chapel Movie Night

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Sailing Club offers novices a fun week on

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

A June day on Lake Auman: overcast, breezy, humid, and warm — the perfect day for a sunburn. It's a terrible day to photograph boats. White sails against the hazy sky — they just blend right in. But, according to the Seven Lakes Sailing Club members manning the safety boat, it is a great day for learning to sail.

The Sailing Club is open to any Seven Lakes resident or landowner. No experience

is necessary. To ensure that everyone who has an interest in sailing is given the opportunity to learn the ropes, the club offers a week-long sailing class every summer. Safety is the volunteer instructors' first concern, and every precaution is taken.

The Times observed the action on the last day of this year's Learn to Sail course. The half dozen students skim the lake in small sailboats called "sunfish." Some are manning their crafts alone, while others have their own

personal instructor on board.

Jim Haggard, Bill Mamel, Bob Fewkes, and Paul Kirst retired to Seven Lakes for the amenities. But it's hard work, once you take up residence on a lake. There's all the swimming, sailing, fishing, floating, tubing, skiing, rowing, paddling, and boating. Then there's teaching your grandkids to swim, sail,

fish, float, tube, ski, row, paddle, and be safe around the water.

Haggard says he retired to Lake Auman to sail, fish, and golf.

"I did them all in the past," Haggard he explains. "I moved here for the golf and lake. I did the fishing, got the t-shirt, and now I have moved on to something else,"

he laughs." Haggard said his largest Lake Auman catch was a five to six pound bass.

Under Haggard's careful watch, his sixteen-year-old grandson Cameron Brasswell is learning to sail. Brasswell wants to follow in his father's footsteps and be a Navy Seal.

"He's got some objectives," Haggard says. "One hundred

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Jim Haggard, Bill Mamel, and Bob Fewkes man the safety boat, keeping a watchful eye on sailors



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Lake Auman for the 'Learn to Sail' class

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pushups; he did that. Hold his breath for three minutes; he is still working on that."

A day earlier, at Haggard's dock, Brasswell disappeared below the water's surface, staying under a little too long

for comfort. Haggard chose benefit over doubt and waited a second longer. Brasswell finally surfaced, no worries, a breath away from meeting his objective.

Bob and Mary Anne Fewkes were both happy enough ca-

noeing rivers in the Northeast. From the Allegheny to the New River Gorge, Bob enjoyed the thrill of white water. He was forty-five years old when he learned to sail. Not content to simply sail away into the sunset each day on Lake Auman, both Fewkes joined

the sailing club, opened their home and dock, made available their boats, and happily teach the learning to sail course.

Mary Anne is a graceful, strong sailor. Piloting her sunfish, she darts between students, answering any

questions and giving advice. She makes it appear effortless. The students manage to stay upright and keep moving. But there is more to sailing than sitting. It requires knowing how to read the wind and water. Where the water is smooth like a mirror, there is no wind.

The safety patrol sees a sunfish heading for the still water. They predict when the sails will droop. They discuss how the novice could most easily have sailed around the dead spot rather than through it. Even on Lake Auman, one can veer into the Carolina doldrums.

Volunteer Jane Sessler shares a sunfish with a student, keeping a full sail. When the safety crew decide a group photo would be nice, they send word for all the sailors to round up. Literally sending word from one boat to another can take a while. It would be easier to herd but-

(See "Sailing," p. 25)



Jane Sessler gives gives Nicki Bauer some tips on handling a sailboat.

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MCS wants more flexibility with state funding

by Greg Hankins
Times Editor



Moore County Schools [MCS] will end the year with more money in the bank than expected, but that doesn't mean either administrators or members of the school board are happy with the amount of support they are receiving from the state.

"We have budget issues," MCS Director of Budget Mike Griffin told the Moore County Board of Education during their Monday, July 7 meeting. "We have an underfunding issue. And it is one hundred percent related to our state funding. Not federal. Not local. State. It is a clear picture."

"We appreciate our state funds. They are our greatest funding source. But state funding has not kept up with the demands, the costs, the population of students that we have in Moore County Schools. That is a factual statement."

Griffin's remarks came at the conclusion of his presentation of a revised FY2014 budget resolution that, except for a few small payables, closes the books on the last fiscal year.

The good news in that presentation was that MCS had

to spend only \$2.2 million of its accumulated fund balance, rather than the \$4 million that had been budgeted. The fund balance is the unspent money left over at the end of the year — the district's savings account, in a sense.

While the 2008-2009 recession brought significant cuts in state funding, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — the federal "stimulus" — provided a sharp, but temporary funding increase. MCS stashed much of the cash rather than spending it. As a result, it began FY2014 with \$9.7 million in the bank.

The budget called for drawing that down to \$5.7 million, but it appears the year ended with \$7.5 million in the bank.

"It is still a reduction in fund balance," Griffin told the Board. "We share the same caution: that we are moving in the wrong direction, but not as rapidly."

Griffin has consistently cautioned the Board that its fund balance is a non-renewable resource — that spending it to fund current operations is not a viable long-term strategy.

"The Board has been very strategic about how we allocate our resources," Griffin said. "We are strategic about

how we spend resources." As a result, MCS ended the year with more money in the bank than expected.

\$1.4 Million in Unspent State Funds

One of the key problems with the funding that the state provides to MCS is that the district cannot use all the funding it is promised.

The state promised Moore County \$66.8 million for FY2014, but at least \$1.4 million will go unspent, mostly because the state tightly controls how funds are used, thwarting the local district's ability to allocate it where it is needed.

The state provides funding for a given number of Moore County classroom teachers, basing the dollar amount on the average teacher salary across the state. But teachers in rural Moore County make less than the state average, so there is money left over.

Up until two years ago, the district could use that money for other classroom needs, but that flexibility has been taken away. So, MCS must leave state funds on the table.

"We really need more flexibility in how we spend our money," Board Member Ed Dennison said. "There are 115 school districts in North Carolina and the formula is

pretty much the same for all of them, but we all have different challenges."

"When you look at the bottom line," he said, "for what we really need the money for, we don't have as much as we used to."

Knowing that Dennison has spoken with State Senator Jerry Tillman about the funding issue, Board Member Dale Frye asked, "what feeling do you get out of Senator Tillman when you talk with him about these things?"

Tillman, from Asheboro, not only represents Moore County in Raleigh, he chairs the Senate's standing committee on education.

"The feeling I get," Dennison replied, "is that he understands. But I don't know how much he's willing to buck the system to stand up for

what he really believes needs to be done He just needs to be talked to a lot more."

Board Chair Kathy Farren pointed out that the new Powerschool online student information system provides the state with detailed information about how many students in each grade are served in each of the district's schools.

"But they can't fund us that way," Farren said. "They fund us in a block of students, not as they break out into schools. It would be nice, if they have so much information at their fingertips, if they figure out how to use that information at their fingertips."

"Our county commissioners have attached to that," Griffin replied, "and are sharing that

(See "Schools," p. 23)

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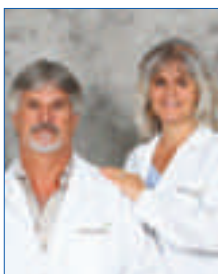
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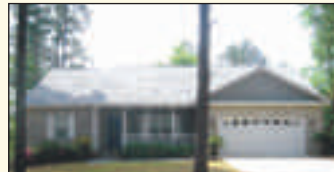
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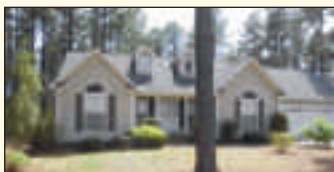
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Dale Harold DeBrine, 71, of Seven Lakes, died Sunday, July 6, after a courageous battle against cancer.

A memorial service will be held at the Chapel in the Pines, Seven Lakes, on Saturday, July 12 at 11 am.

He was born in Syracuse, NY and was the son of Harold James DeBrine and Eleanor Tuxill DeBrine.

Mr. DeBrine grew up on his parents' farm in Byron, NY and graduated from Byron-Bergen Central School in 1960. He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and an MBA from the University of Rochester.

He and his wife Linda lived most of their married lives in Perry, NY before relocating to Seven Lakes in 1999.

During his career, Mr. Debrine worked as an engineer for C-B Foods and later at Champion Products. After that, he established Practical Business Solutions, a tax and accounting firm which he operated in Perry for many years. His final career brought him to North Carolina for consulting work in IT and finance for Mortex Apparel and The Cotton Exchange in Wendell.

Mr. Debrine was a long-time member of the Perry Rotary Club and enjoyed participating in their many activities; was an avid racquetball player, and enjoyed photography, gardening, traveling, music, and dancing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Bruce Sartwell and

sister-in-law, Holly Sartwell of Waterport, NY.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Linda Sartwell DeBrine; daughter Lisa (Gary) Baker of Raleigh; son Jeffrey (Ami) DeBrine of Stuttgart, Germany; sisters Martha (Gregory) Hughes; Kathleen (Richard) Taylor; Elizabeth DeBrine; Margaret (Donald) Erskine; his grandchildren Ellen Baker, Mary DeBrine, Lindsay Baker and Kevin DeBrine; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice or any charity of your choice.

Gerald John Lewin, 80, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday June 28.

Mr. Lewin was born in

Chicago, IL son to the late John and Elsie Schultz Lewin. He was a retired Mechanical Engineer with Motorola in Schaumburg, Illinois.

He loved traveling with his beloved wife, cooking, spending time with his close friends and playing golf.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Patricia Simmons Lewin of the home; son David Miles Lewin of Chicago, IL; daughter Kathryn Thwaites of Pinehurst; four grandchildren, Bradley Thomas Thwaites, Jennifer Nicole Thwaites, William Peter Lewin and Sophia Irene Lewin.

A memorial mass will be announced at a later date.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

Ruth Huntington Sullivan, 91, formerly of North Olmsted, Ohio, and Seven Lakes, died at Elmcroft Assisted Living in Southern Pines on Tuesday June 24.

No services are planned.

Mrs. Sullivan and her husband, Charles (Chuck) moved to Seven Lakes in 1982. She was a former English teacher in the North Olmsted Schools and the Olmsted Falls School System for eighteen years.

Mrs. Sullivan was one of the founding members of the Seven Lakes Times newspaper of Seven Lakes, and a member of the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles.

Survivors include her daughters, Judith Sullivan of Charlottesville, VA and Nancy Senderos of Mexico; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Sullivan donated her body to UNC Memorial Hospital's School of Medicine.

Memorials may be made to: Seven Lakes EMS, 969 Seven Lakes North, West End, NC 27376 or FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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Ed Hill

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Local debaters win big

Pinecrest High School Debaters Sam Lewis and Hunter Martin placed third overall out of a field of 238 teams at the NCFL Grand National Tournament over Memorial Weekend in Chicago IL.

Lewis had an exceptional senior year, reaching semifinals in four national tournaments in the 2013-2014 debate season. He ended his high school debate career ranked sixth in the nation in Public Forum Debate.

He was this year's Debate Team Captain, and is also a National Forensic League Academic All American, one of

only five Pinecrest debaters to ever have achieved this recognition.

Hunter Martin is the first Pinecrest sophomore ever to advance this far in a national tournament of this size.

Because of his performance, he has been awarded a tuition scholarship to The Institute of Speech and Debate this summer in Charlotte to further hone his public forum debate skills.

Public Forum is a partnered, timed debate event in which students prepare and argue on a predetermined topic of national or interna-

tional importance. Debaters must be ready to defend the affirmative or negative position upon a coin toss at the beginning of each round.

At the NCFL two day tournament, the topic was "Resolved: Minimum Wage Laws Benefit the US Economy." Lewis and Martin debated tens rounds over two days to reach the semifinals.

Lewis is the son of Marie and James Lewis of Seven Lakes West and Martin is the son of Joy and Tim Martin of Eagle Springs.



Pinecrest High School Debate Team members Sam Lewis and Hunter Martin

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Megan Swanke of Pinehurst (attends Pinecrest, a rising 11th grader).

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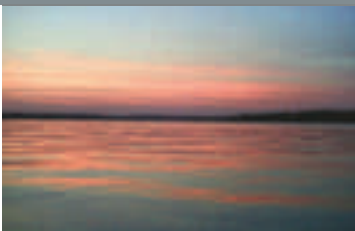
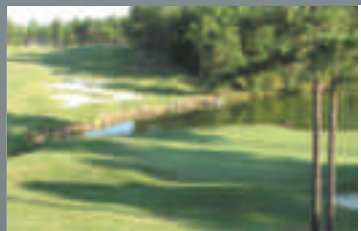
David McCollum, who has served as an instructor with the National Center for Construction Education and Research, will teach CPT. He has over 35 years in industrial maintenance supporting PMS development, associate training, analysis electrical and mechanical troubleshooting and is an NCCER Electrical Instructor.

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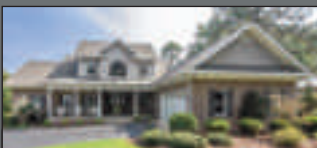


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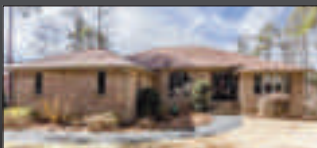
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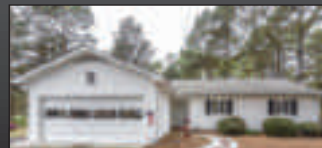
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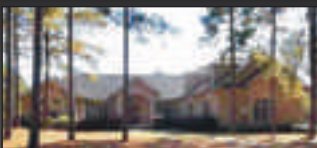
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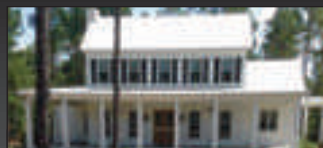
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A love of historic houses brings together

by Ellen Marcus
Times Reporter

Elizabeth Norfleet Sugg and Martha Swaringen had never met. But it was sweet fate that they would. Kindred spirits, living parallel lives, they both fell in love with old, battered, early 19th-century, Scottish-built farm-houses in Moore County.

Swaringen fell for the Malcolm and Flora Blue Farm-house in 1971, and Sugg fell for the Black-Cole House in 2005.

When Sugg learned that

that Swaringen had helped research the history of her circa 1820s Black-Cole House in order to have it listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a meeting was arranged — and none too soon. Swaringen has been diagnosed with terminal leukemia.

As the car pulled into the driveway of the property that Sugg has christened Rubicon Farm, Swaringen's keen eye for the nuances of restoration noticed a pair of chimneys had been reconstructed using

the original bricks.

On the porch, Swaringen pointed to an outbuilding and said the Eastwood Post Office once stood on that spot. Sugg agreed, and explained that the outbuilding had once been the kitchen of the house, before being moved and converted to an outbuilding.

Once inside, walking down a connecting hallway flanked by window seats, Swaringen stopped abruptly, recognizing the point at which the original structure had ended. Sugg confirmed that, at some point before she and her husband



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The Black-Cole House at Rubicon Farm



Elizabeth Sugg shows Martha Swaringen Rubicon Farm's award for its forestry management plan.



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two guardians of Moore County history

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Russell bought property, the 1845 kitchen and dining room had been attached to the original 1820s house.

Growing up with history

Swaringen began the Malcolm Blue Farmskills Festival School Children's Day in 1976, so that children would have a place to go and see a small working farm. "It was always for the children," Swaringen said. "Every child deserves a farm."

The Suggs' children were in grade school when they bought Rubicon Farm. Evie, now 14, and James, 16, have grown up with the historic farm in their lives, and the family has shared the property with their schools, their swimming and golf teams, their church, and more.

Sugg shared some of Evie's writing. "You can feel their stories and dig up old bottles and stuff, but we will never hear any of their tales told," she wrote several years ago.

After Swaringen's sharp recollection of the names of former residents of the house brought some of those tales to life, Evie called Swaringen a "Fairly Godmother."

Preserving the farm

Preservation at Rubicon Farm extends beyond the house itself. Early on, the Suggs had a forest management plan drawn up. Clearing and cutting, planting hun-

dreds of longleaf pines, and managing a controlled burn, the couple can see the beginnings of a true Sandhills forest.

Making the farmhouse a livable family home took a lot of work. "The people that have come out and worked and helped us with the restoration leave a part of themselves," Sugg said.

Swaringen praised the careful concealment of electrical wiring on the age-darkened heartpine walls and admired the dining rooms tables and benches made from reclaimed boards found on site — both the craftsmanship of Hoffman native Thomas Godwin.

The giant wood-framed bathtub was just as she remembered, the centerpiece of a bathroom that was once a small bedroom before plumbing was added by a previous owner.

The most recent addition at Rubicon is a wedding gazebo built in June by Whispering Pines native Andy Prim.

The cost of preservation

The two women can't help but discuss the expense of maintaining a nearly 200-year-old farm.

Swaringen has relied on grants, festivals, and square dances to raise funds for the Blue Farm — and on volunteer labor to save on expenses.

(See "Rubicon," p. 28)



Preservationists all — Elizabeth Sugg, Martha Swaringen, and Evie Sugg inspect a book that Elizabeth designed about an artist in Old Salem.

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SUNDAY, JULY 13

- **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.
- **Grace Church VBS** – at 10:00 am (during church service). Held at Grace Church Seven Lakes in the Seven Lakes Plaza. Ages 3 – 5th grade will enjoy music, games, stories, and snacks as they discover Jesus loves them always and forever. melissajones@gracechurchsp.org
- **Amazing Adaptations** – 3 pm, How does the flora and fauna survive in the Sandhills with such sandy soils and frequent fires? Join a ranger for a presentation. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines 910-692-2167. Free.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open 6 pm, Poplar Knight Spot. *Musical guest: Deep Chatham*. The Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, theroster-swife.org

MONDAY, JULY 14

- **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.
- **Sandhills Photography Club** – meeting 7 pm. Program: "Image Retouching For Travel Photographers" speaker Joel Collins. Guests welcome. Hannah Center Theatre Center at the O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. www.sandhillphotoclub.org

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- **Dream Workshop** – 9:30 am - 10:30 am. Tammy Williams will conduct a 2-

Part Dream Workshop. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.

- **Social Security Strategies** – 9:30 am - 10:30 am, Brianna Dillon and Mark Hollingsworth will present helpful information on a strategy that will work for individuals.

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- **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.
- **Clerk of Court** – 1:30 pm - 3 pm (Part 1 of a 2-Part Series). Susan Hicks explains the responsibilities of the Clerk of Court. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **"Out of Africa"** – 4 pm - 5 pm, Join Roy Neal as he tells his experience of being on a Safari while showing his interesting up close and personal photos. Refreshments. Moore County Senior Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **Moore County Board of Commissioners** – 5:30 pm, at the Historic Courthouse, Carthage.

- **Changing Family Dynamics** – 6 to 7 pm, "When Aging Parents Come to Live with their Adult Children." Free workshop. Sandhills Memory Care, 292 McDougall Drive, Seven Lakes. Speaker Barbara Stender. Refreshments. Call 673-2230 or 673-2045.

What's When

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

- **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** – 1:30 - 6:00 pm at the North Clubhouse. For an appointment, call the SLLA office at 673-4931. Walk-ins are always welcome and encouraged. Bring your donor card or photo ID. You must be 17 years of age to donate [16 years of age with written parent's consent]. Presented by the Seven Lakes Kiwanis Club and Women of Seven Lakes.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **The Truth Project** – 7 pm,

West End United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Bible study will offer an in-depth Christian World View Experience. Led by Dr & Rev. Won Namkoong and Larry McCune. Call or 673-1371 or weumc@earthlink.net to register.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- **SLCC Casual Friday** – at the Tufts Bar & Grill. Enjoy a buffet dinner. Stay for games until 9 pm. Call 673-1100 ext 3 by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, July 15th for details and reservations. Open to all.
- **Family Movie Night at The Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, join in the fun in the Fellowship Hall to watch the movie Ice Age. Enjoy the adventures of Sid the sloth, Diego the saber-toothed tiger, and Manny

the woolly mammoth. Popcorn, snacks and drinks provided. (*Children must be accompanied by an adult.*) Join The Chapel for an evening of fun. Call Pat Weber, 673-1457, or Brenda Massimo, 673-3752.

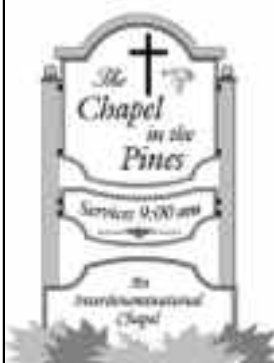
SATURDAY, JULY 19

- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 to 10:30 am, *free* class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.
- **Candor Peach Festival** – 10 am to 3 pm. in the park. Parade starts at 10 am. Bring your lawn chairs and sit back and enjoy the local live entertainment. There are always lots of local peaches, peach ice cream and peach desserts.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

- **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.
- **Grace Church VBS** – at 10:00 am (during church service). Held at Grace Church Seven Lakes, SeAChildren ages 3 – 5th grade will enjoy music, games, stories, and snacks. melissajones@gracechurchsp.org

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- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open 6 pm, Poplar Knight Spot. *Musical guest: Choro das 3.* The Rooster's Wife, 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JULY 21

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Faith Baptist Church VBS** – 6:30 pm - 9 pm, the program will run Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25, at 2180 Carthage Rd, West End. Registration deadline Friday, July 18 online at www.faithwestend.org

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- **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.
- **"Clerk of Court"** – 1:30 pm - 3 pm, (Part 2 of the 2-Part Series), Susan Hicks explains Estates, Incompetency Hearings, Probate. Moore County Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 US Hwy 15-501, West End.
- **Seven Lakes West Landowners Association** – 7 pm, work session. West Side Park Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- **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.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **The Truth Project** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Bible study will offer an in-depth Christian World View Experience. Led by Dr & Rev. Won Namkoong and Larry McCune. 673-1371 or weumc@earthlink.net to register.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- **Bread of Life Ministry** – West End United Methodist Church, 11 am until 1 pm. Ministry is for seniors (widows, widowers, and the elderly). Fellowship, devotion and a meal provided at \$5.
- **Gallery at Seven Lakes** – 1 - 4 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive.
- **Sandhills Winery Wine Tasting** – 5:30 pm to 8 pm. 1057 Seven Lakes Drive. (910) 673-2949. www.sandhillswinery.com

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- **Zumba Class** – 9:30 to 10:30 am, *free* class at Seven Lakes Baptist Church, Hankins Family Life Center. 1015 Seven Lakes Drive, 910-673-4656.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

- **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.
- **Grace Church VBS** – at 10:00 am (during church service). Held at Grace Church Seven Lakes, Seven Lakes Plaza. Ages 3 – 5th grade will enjoy music, games, stories, and snacks. melissajones@gracechurch-sp.org
- **"Geology of the Sandhills"** – 3 pm, Have you ever wondered where all the sand in the Sandhills came from? Visitor Center. Weymouth Woods, 1024 Fort Bragg Rd., Southern Pines 910-692-2167. Free.
- **West End United Methodist Church VBS** – Sunday, July 27 thru Thursday, July 31. West End United Methodist Church invites all children to a Wilderness Escape. Vacation Bible School begins tonight with registration at 5:30 pm. VBS 6 pm until 8:15 pm for ages 3 years through 5th grade. Family Night, Thursday, July 31 at 6 pm to present a program and snacks.
- **The Rooster's Wife** – 6:45 pm, doors open 6 pm, Poplar Knight Spot. *Musical guest: Tom Maxwell and*

the Minor Drag. The Rooster's Wife. 114 Knight St., Aberdeen, www.theroosterswife.org

MONDAY, JULY 28

- **Weight Watchers Meeting** – 5 pm to 6 pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, 1145 Seven Lakes Drive, Seven Lakes.
- **Sandhills Natural History Society** – 7 pm, meeting at Weymouth Woods Auditorium, 1024 Ft. Bragg Rd., Southern Pines. Gather to share food and natural history favorites. Bring a dish or snack to share. Nature photography taken by members throughout the past year. Visitors welcome. 910-692-2167 or www.sandhillsnature.org

TUESDAY, JULY 29

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- **Rosary at Our Lady of the Americas Church** – 8:50 am, 298 Market Rd. Biscoe, 974-3051.

- **"Medicare 101"** – 10 am-12 pm, Gail Willis gives an Overview on Medicare. Moore County 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.
- **Seven Lakes Landowners Association** – 7 pm, General meeting. Seven Lakes North Clubhouse.
- **Rosary at Chapel in the Pines** – 7 pm, at the Chapel in the Pines. Coordinator Virginia Heerema, 673-5150. Seven Lakes.
- **The Truth Project** – 7 pm, West End United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall. Bible study will offer an in-depth Christian World View Experience. Led by Dr & Rev. Won Namkoong and Larry McCune. 673-1371 or weumc@earthlink.net to register.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

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Pictured at right are: Angie VonCanon, Marilyn Dotto, Carolyne Koch, Marlene Leonard, Bev Wetherbie, Jan Carey, Ann Kastl, Angie

Huber, Maria Boles, JoAnn Duncan.

The Sophisticated Ladies resumed practice to prepare for the upcoming Christmas season at the Pinehurst Town Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am. Ladies 50 years or older are invited to attend.

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League of Women Voters elects new officers

The League of Women Voters of Moore County installed new officers and approved direction for programs and studies for 2014-2015 at the June meeting.

In the coming months, the League will finalize a study

on Charter Schools and continue research work on a Fracking study.

A new study on the effect of immigration on Moore County will begin. The League plans to bring in experts on housing, agriculture, literacy

and education and healthcare as it focuses on the importance of immigration to local communities.

Pictured below are officers: Ann Torok, Director; Bonnie Roberson, Membership Chair; Carol Wurster, Second Vice

President; Susan Conrad, Treasurer; Kathy Bergquist, President and Barbara Farr, Director

Not available for photo:

Mary Price, Secretary; Peggy Crawford, First Vice President and Steve Tableman, Director and Harriet Eckert, Director



The 2014-2015 officers of The League of Women Voters of Moore County

Sandhills Photo Club

The Sandhills Photography Club will meet on Monday, July 14 at 7 pm. The program will be: "Image Retouching For Travel Photographers" by speaker Joel Collins.

Guests welcome. Held at Hannah Center Theatre Center at the O'Neal School, 3300 Airport Road, Southern Pines. For information on the club www.sandhillspgclub.org

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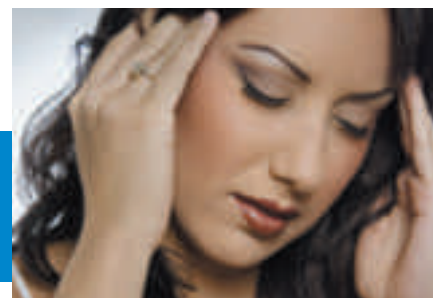
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Rick Rhyne Fishing Tournament is August 9

The 2014 Memorial Fishing Tournament in Memory of Deputy Rick Rhyne will be Saturday, August 9, 10 am – 4 pm at Lake McKenzie in Foxfire.

For the past 11 years, children in Moore County have been invited to participate in a fun family fishing tournament thanks to the efforts of former Foxfire Chief of Police, late Deputy Rick Rhyne. The Foxfire Police Department, with the help of his wife, Wanda, continue to co-ordinated this annual event because of their desire to see children and families enjoy being outside together.

Wanda Rhyne, is both a staff member and volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills will coordinate the event. Foxfire Police Chief Mike Campbell, Sgt. Chad Shue and Buzz Parker are also serving on the Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament committee.

"Many of the 300 children that attend the Boys & Girls Clubs have never had the opportunity to catch a fish," said Caroline Eddy, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills. "This tournament will give children the chance to experience wildlife and engage in a sport that they can participate in for a lifetime."

"Rick's dream was to see kids engage in outdoor activities with their parents, get away from computers and to show them that there are other things to do that are fun" said Wanda Rhyne, Fishing Tournament Coordinator. "To see this fishing tournament actually happen continues his legacy of working with kids. In his words, 'Any child who comes out and participates is a winner, even if they don't catch a fish.' "To date, we have been able to do this with the help of the community, sponsors

and a large number of volunteers."

NC Inland Fisheries and the Southern Pines Parks and Recreation Department are providing many of the fishing poles that will be used that day. Families are encouraged to bring their own poles. If anyone has extras to share with kids that might not have one, please contact 692-0777.

Talbert's BBQ will be pro-

viding food for each child and there will be food available for purchase. Exhibits include the Wildlife Mobile Aquarium and the Sensory Safari trailer and the Fire Safety trailer. Aberdeen Coca Cola will provide water. Prizes will be awarded throughout the day, and every child will receive a prize. The day will end with a balloon release.

Registration is requested by calling 692-0777.



Two young fishers at the 2013 Rick Rhyne Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Lavender Workshop

Lavender is known for its gentle and soothing fragrance. It was used by the Greeks and Romans in their public baths. Today lavender is used in sachets, spritzers, dusting powder as dried flowers and essential oil. It's a pleasing scent that also repels insects.

The Sandhills Horticultural Society is sponsoring a lavender workshop on Wednesday, August 6, from 10 to noon at the Sandhills

Community College, Ball Visitors Center.

Norma Burns of Bluebird Hill Farm in Bennett will conduct a program on growing lavender and its many uses. Participants will take home lavender lotion.

The cost is \$30 for Horticultural Society members and \$35 for non-members. Space is limited – payment is due by July 16. To register for the workshop, call 910-695-3882.

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Farewell to a Times' founder, and friend

Ruth Sullivan could be a bit prickly.

She had a heart of gold, of course. But she did not suffer fools gladly. She loathed deceit and incompetence in local government and misspellings in the columns of a newspaper.

Fortunately for me, we hit it off from the start — though I think it was my father who really won her over.

Dad met Ruth when he was publishing the newspaper in neighboring Montgomery County and Ruth was looking for someone to print the monthly *Seven Lakes Times*.

She had founded the paper some years before, with her partners Sherry Dunham, Al Gent, Bill Kerchof, and Tom Tucker. She never tired of telling me the story.

With *Seven Lakes* reeling from developer bankruptcy, with streets unpaved, Lake Auman's dam unfinished, and scores of lot owners back in Ohio, Michigan, and New York wondering what the heck was happening to their retirement dreams, the nascent *Times* organization gathered in someone's living room.

How best to get straight, factual information out to the community was the question of the day.

"We need a newsletter," someone said. "No, we need

a newspaper, that can stand on its own feet," another replied, and it was agreed.

"What shall we call it?" someone asked. "*The New York Times* is a pretty good newspaper," Al Gent offered. "Let's call it 'The *Seven Lakes Times*.'"

Digging Deeper

Greg Hankins

And so it began. Every month for twelve years a crew of volunteers and a couple of hired hands dug out the news, sold ads, assembled a paper, and mailed it to both residents and non-resident lot owners. At no charge.

Ruth was right in the thick of it. After she convinced my Dad to print *The Times*, she and Sherry would carry the paste-up sheets to the *Herald* offices in Troy.

Dad and Ruth would snatch the first usable copy off the press and retire to his office, where he'd pull out his red grease pencil and mark up the paper, highlighting places where there was room for improvement.

It seems like an odd customer relationship — after all, Ruth was paying to have *The Herald* print *The Times*. But she enjoyed the critique and said it improved the newspaper.

I reckon it was also a chance to fondly recall her own days wielding the red pencil, as a high school English teacher back in Ohio.

I know, from listening to stories of her teaching days, that Ruth wielded that pencil with a vengeance. And she was not one to tolerate a lack of discipline or backtalk.

But her stern demeanor

and demanding standards bred in the hearts of her students the same sort of affection she felt for my uncompromising, taskmaster father.

Dozens of Ruth's students have called or emailed me over the years, having lost touch with her, looking to reconnect. Their stories and the tone of their voices when they speak of Ruth reveal deep affection, unwavering respect, and profound gratitude.

More than one has told me that it was Ruth's teaching that first opened his or her mind to the joy of learning and the beauty of literature.

It has been hard, these past few years, to let them down, to tell them that they can no longer reconnect with their beloved teacher, to gently inform them that the mind

of the teacher they adore has been ravaged by the dementia that we all fear will be our fate.

Ruth died a couple of weeks ago, and, like her husband Chuck before her, donated her body to science.

Her family is scattered. There will be no local service, no chance for those in *Seven Lakes* who remember her to celebrate her life.

There is one memorial, however. There is this newspaper. Ruth loved it, she published it, she devoted countless hours to it.

As long as it continues to roll off a printing press, her name will appear in the box at the bottom of this page.

Ruth was not the sentimental type, but I like to think she'd appreciate that.

Litter bug infestation

Dear Editor:

I read Mr. Allen's letter "What a great place!" and wondered why, in *Seven Lakes South*, we have been infested by "litter bugs." Up until a few months ago, the area of Lancashire Avenue between E. Devonshire and Hartwich has been neat and clean. Then "litter bugs" invaded the community.

Myself and my dog-walking neighbors have gathered at least a case of empty beer cans, bottles, coffee cups, water bottles, and other assorted litter. It seems that this area is a good feeding ground for those "litter bugs."

Unfortunately, there is no chemical spray that can be applied to control this infestation, only concerned citizens who collect the trash and properly dispose of it.

My hope is that this letter will curtail the tossing of litter on the sides of the road. Only time will tell. Until then,

we will continue to carry our "litter bug" disposal kit and pick up our dogs' poop when walking our dogs.

Please, let's keep our roads clean.

Mike Pusillo
Seven Lakes South

Hurrah for the 7 Lakes Sailing Club

Editor:

Kudos to the *Seven Lakes Sailing Club*. I participated in the Learn to Sail program last week with eight others ranging from teenage boys to retirees like me. The entire program was awesome.

Paul Kirst generously allowed us to use his home for instruction. The instructors, Bob Fewkes, Bert Van Domselaar, Ron Houlon, Dan Blue, Mary Anne Fewkes and Jane Sessler, led by Bill Mamel and Paul, shared their love and knowledge of sailing so clearly and patiently — and allowed us to use their

boats.

Jim Haggard, Ed and Diane Silberhorn, Terry Card, and Tom Holloman provided a safety boat each day and also ferried us to and from our sailboats.

I am grateful for the time that these folks dedicated to introducing us to sailing. It was clear that they truly love sailing and they love Lake Auman.

I have added another reason to my list of why I love living in *Seven Lakes West*.

Kitty Cobb
Seven Lakes West

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Dosters donate bass boat to Mattamuskeett



Dr. Michael Doster says farewell to his father's bass boat

Ann Doster, widow of Joseph Doster of Seven Lakes, and her son, Michael Doster, of Raleigh, donated her late husbands' bass boat to the nonprofit Mattamuskeett Foundation.

Joe Doster, who died in 2013, was an avid fisherman and conservation advocate. The boat was donated in his memory.

Dr. Lewis Forrest, executive director of the Mattamuskeett Foundation, said that the Dosters had previously donated a Hobie Cat sailboat

and a Sweetwater pontoon boat to the North Carolina nonprofit organization.

Forrest said that the proceeds of the sales of these boats fund educational projects about the lake.

For more information on the work of the Mattamuskeett Foundation, contact Forrest at 252-341-7882 or visit their website at www.mattamuskeett.org

Schools

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with the Association of County Commissioners. Moore County Commissioners are going to be the lead county in bringing that message, through the association, to the General Assembly . . . That is a tribute to the relationship that the Moore County Board of Education has developed and maintained and sustained with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the final version of the FY2014 budget presented by Griffin.

The state education budget for FY2015, the fiscal year that began on July 1, is still up in the air, with negotiations between the House and Senate to resolve their incompatible budgets moving at a snail's pace.

The July 7 School Board meeting was Dr. Robert Grimesey's first as Superintendent of Moore County Schools. Grimesey was sworn in in a ceremony on Monday, June 30.

Grimesey said his first days on the job had shown him "the high standard of professionalism, the intense commitment and friendly personalities of teachers, classified staff members, and administrators."

The new superintendent said he had spent hours in briefings with senior staff members and had visited as many schools as was prac-

tical in the waning days of the school year.

Grimesey announced three appointments, though he said he planned to present the new hires to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

Molly Capps has been selected as principal of Aberdeen Primary School, and Stefanie Phillips, as the principal for Aberdeen Elementary School.

Capps joined MCS in 2012 as an English Language Arts Curriculum Specialist with the Instructional Design and

Innovation Team. Phillips, a MCS team member since 2009, was most recently a Curriculum Specialist for Science and Healthful Living.

Grimesey also announced the appointment of Amber Rach as the district's Advisor for Community Relations.

Chairwoman Farren told Board members that she and Grimesey planned to schedule a daylong planning retreat for the Board in late July or early August, to facilitate the setting of Board goals for the new school year.



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Throughout the year we live at an intense pace (physical, emotional and mental), and we often get stuck in routine, either for the sake of efficiency or out of fear of unfamiliar territory. The lack of variety in doing the same things over and over stagnates not only our minds, but also our bodies and hearts. Hesitant to break your routine? It is interesting to note that fear and excitement have the same physiological expression in our bodies; it is our mind that classifies the feeling as either positive or negative. So the next time you consider a change in routine and your mind says "scary!" see if you can re-frame

it as "exciting!"

What is something you have never done before or that you have wanted to do for a long time? Choose your own adventure: organize a kayak trip, take a dance class, do some exotic traveling or set a goal for a new personal challenge. Or try something simple, like playing flashlight tag with your kids and neighbors or reading in the sunshine. Maybe it's time to discover a new vegetable dish or to visit a new town, restaurant or beach.

Whatever adventure calls to you, use this summer to make it happen and enjoy the life you came here for. Increasing new experiences and excitement in your life can decrease your need for and dependence on artificial stimulants like caffeine and sugar, leading to more vibrant health. Watch out for massive improvements in physical well-being, mental acuity and motivation, plus a full portfolio of fun.

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Foxfire Council Meeting

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with suggested wording changes, but the Council decided against incorporating those into the approved language.

Sharing McCue's suggestions, Frusco said, "We should address Mick's comment and concern with the wording. I don't see that what Mick sent to us after the last work session changes the substance."

McCue's suggested changes combined some sections that Planning and Zoning had separated for clarity.

"If it is put all into one rule, then there is a chance that someone can misunderstand," Gilroy said. "That is the reason we broke apart privacy fence from perimeter fence."

"I would recommend leaving it the way planning and zoning has written it," Frusco said.

Durham agreed with Frusco: "We have beat this up enough. We need to go ahead and adopt it and approve with changes."

"Thank you very much," Durham said to Gilroy, "I know this was arduous."

"Fencing was supposed to

be easy." Gilroy replied.

Club use of the Village Hall

Whether or not to continue to allow local clubs and other groups to use the Village Hall has been an item of discussion in previous work sessions. The concern has been the proximity of the meeting room to the Police Department and the security concerns that it raises.

Resident Betty Drescher spoke on behalf of a local bridge group that meets once a week in the hall.

"We have approximately sixteen members, and six of us or in our eighties and nineties," Drescher said. "Most people do not have enough space for three tables in their homes."

Durham reassured Drescher that the council was continuing to discuss the issue, and that they would consider the bridge club's needs.

Spending Wisely

As the village begins a new fiscal year, Councilwoman Frusco reported that cash balances were up \$120,000 from last year, thanks to aggressive belt-tightening.

"I would thank all the de-

partment heads and fellow council members for their due diligence in looking at expenditures," she said. "We spent a lot of time and have diligently come in under budget in all the departments."

"In addition, I would like to thank [Deputy Finance Officer] Sharon [Sanchez] for her fantastic efforts in collecting back property taxes and back assessments — which is the other factor that has led us to maintain to be able to do the things in the village we needed to do while staying in the positive."

Other Business

In other business during the July 8, meeting:

- Durham reported that the village's well water system is holding up to the heat of July. "Things are going well," he reported. "The pumps are certainly running a little bit longer. Consumption is up because it has been so hot and we haven't had a lot of rain."
- Councilman Vic Koos reported that Turner Asphalt of Charlotte has been contracted to pave the entrance area of Reynview Vista and also Wildwood Lane. The paving will begin on Friday, July 11. Potholes and cracks are also scheduled to be patched.

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Water

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twelve residents that use 25,000 gallons of water or more each month, Durham told the Council during the June 26 work session.

"I don't like this," Councilman Mick McCue said of the proposed changes. "We need to have that rate be higher, to better encourage conservation and the like. I base that on the fact that we are on a well water system, and we don't know how much is in the aquifer, and conservation is important."

"I don't mind if everyone's water is a little cheaper in the long run," McCue continued. "But, I want it to increasingly curve on the high

end. If you make it too cheap it might encourage increased usage."

"The largest amount of water used by residents are those that have large parcels of land, who are either watering pastures or large areas of landscaping," Durham explained. "Will they use more water if we reduce the rate? I don't know. I have got to believe they are using as much water as needed."

Durham agreed to consider McCue's concerns and revisit the analysis before the regular council meeting on Tuesday, July 8.

"We are only changing the middle three blocks," McCue said. "We can try it and keep

an eye on it and see how it goes."

Fencing is still on the Fence

Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Mary Gilroy attended the June 26 Work Session to continue ongoing discussions about the revision of specific ordinances — including standards for the opacity of fencing.

A fence's "opacity" is the degree to which it presents a solid surface, blocking the view.

Gilroy said her committee recommended a standard that would set the permitted

opacity at sixty percent or less. She explained that if, for example, four-inch boards are used for a fence's pickets, there must be at least a two-inch space before the next four-inch board.

Paving on Hold

Scheduled paving at the entrance of Reynview Vista will extend into the new fiscal year. Councilman Vic Koos reported that the contracted paving company has again pushed back the date.

"If they do not do it in the next four days, do I lose that part of the budget or will I

need an amendment?" Koos asked.

Frusco explained that the amount budgeted in the Fiscal Year that ends June 30 would go back into the general fund and that it then would be necessary to amend the FY 2015 budget to cover the cost.

Slow Down Take it Easy

There is continued concern over speeding on Hoffman Road through the Village. The Council agreed to encourage the Village Police Department to patrol during busier traffic times.

Sailing

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terflies. The boats glide one in front of the other, for a brief nano-second making a perfect triangle, before the sky slices them apart.

There is a disconnect that defies logic. The wind blows in one direction, but the sailboats are traveling in every direction. And then, magically, the sails align, the wind gusts, and all boats are lined up perfectly, spaced thirty feet or more apart, sailing toward the shore. It's a proud moment for the Sailing Club.

Unfortunately, it makes a terrible photograph. The

widest lens captures all the boats across too great a span of water. The brightly colored sunfish are just dots on a grey surface.

Moving away from the lens you see the beauty of sailing. "Either you love it and take it up or you don't," Haggard says.

Sometimes, you have to wait for the photo to come to you. Cameron Brasswell, all smiles, sails gracefully by. It's enough to make retirement golden for Haggard. All the men bask in the moment. The young determined sailor is dear to their hearts.

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Sedlak

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Tedious but necessary work

Sedlak was first up in the relaxed and informal interview process.

Asked to explain the role of the council, Sedlak said, "To serve the community and meet their needs."

"I was at the open work session the other night some of it might be tedious but it is still necessary," he said. "It's just got to be that way. It is the way it is. I have to say that, in the meetings I have attended over the years, the issues that surface to the top and get a lot of attention are the ones that the community is interested in."

Frusco agreed that the volumes of State Rules and Regulations are tedious but necessary.

"Some things that we have to do seem ridiculous for a town of 900 residents," she said. "But, we are governed by the same laws that Charlotte is and all cities across the state. A lot of work goes into doing things correctly. [Village Clerk] Lisa [Kivett] is a huge help. It might be tedious, but we have to run according to that set of rules and regulations."

The Woodland Circle debt also was a high priority for Sedlak.

"We should work to keep the tax rates pretty comparable to what they have been in past," Sedlak said. "We need to pay off the extension that we did. That's probably

one of our bigger challenges without having to increase taxes and so forth. I guess that's probably the biggest challenge to the council."

Sedlak said that, while he was employed by the Village, he had considered running for council. He was informed that a Village employee is not allowed to serve on the council.

The appointment to the Erickson seat is short term; it comes up for election in November 2015.

"One of the reasons I applied for this is it is only one and one half years until the next election," Sedlak said. "It would give me a little insight before I am locked into a four year term to see if there is opportunity there to grow."

Working smoothly, serving the citizens

Kirk spent her career in university administration. She told the council that she understands the importance of working well with one another.

"I was fortunate to work for thirty-six years for a university," Kirk said. "It was like a small village. I worked in a management position and served on committees, presided over projects, and allotted teams. It allowed me to develop a sensitivity toward different groups that varied in perspective."

Asked about the major function of the Village Coun-

cil, Kirk replied: "The Council is a resident's insurance policy that his investments are maintained. They bought property here for various reasons, and it's our responsibility to maintain that status quo and tweak it in a positive direction, when necessary, so that people here can maintain their investment. The reasons that brought people here are important and need to be respected."

The village demographics have continued to evolve since it was first incorporated. Frusco noted that she had referred to a map of the village earlier that day.

"You are correct," she told Kirk. "Foxfire has become a very diverse village. I was looking for something today and referenced a map that still had the Village the same as it was fifteen years ago."

"We need to recognize the fact when this village was started it pretty much had one function: golf. Now we have become diverse — equestrian, rural estates, and younger families. The need is there to kind of step out of our personal area and recognize that we got to look at all of these things."

Time to serve

Both Sedlak and Kirk said they could manage for the time commitment required to serve on the council. Durham estimated that, on average, council members could expect to spend twenty hours per month on village business. But, during budget preparation, reviewing ordinances, and researching issues, that commitment could drastically increase.

"When I first came, I knew very little," Durham said. "I spent a lot of time researching to better understand."

"I am always up for a challenge and do good research," Kirk said. "I am not shy about seeking advice from other council members and am willing to serve wherever needed. Sometimes, it can be a good thing not to know

a lot about each department. It allows for fresh ideas and a new attitude."

If at First You Don't Succeed

During the meeting each candidate sat in on the other's interview. They were also invited to stay to observe the council's deliberations.

"You are welcome to stay," Durham said. "It goes without saying, thanks to the both of you for applying and your interest. Getting volunteers these days is difficult and we appreciate both of you. In a year and a half there is likely to be a couple of openings, so you can reapply."

McCue extended the invitation, "It's an open meeting."

"We don't have any closed meetings around here," Frusco added.

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SLLA Meeting

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to the June Open Meeting, expecting a not-to-exceed cost of \$2,500.

Other road work is anticipated this year, including crack-sealing on Shenandoah Drive.

Several members who attend the open meeting agreed that the work needs to be done, but questioned the rationale for breaking it down into smaller jobs rather than soliciting bids for everything that needs to be done.

Member George Temple asked if management had solicited three bids on a dollar per linear foot basis. Sohl

replied, "There is no way that we can really nail that number down. We are going after the worst and high traffic areas."

Racine objected that he had not seen the three bids solicited for the job.

Hirsch said his motion to cap the expenditure at \$2,500 was shortsighted.

"Why don't we make it be the amount we think it's going to be?" he asked. "We have to fix cracks, and it's going to be ongoing project. It just seems silly to cut the work short."

"I suggest we need to build this into our budget," former

SLLA Treasurer Conrad Meyer said. "It is pretty clear to me that we are going to have to continue to do this type of crack sealing every year. Build a line item right into the budget. Whatever the board decides is an appropriate number. At least then it is baked into the budget."

Hirsch made a motion to approve the work and raise the amount from \$2,500 to a not to exceed \$4,999. The motion passed three to one with Racine opposed.

"I am voting no because I have not seen the three bids," Racine said.

An "open" meeting no one can hear?

The June 25 open meeting drew a full house of interested residents, many of whom expressed their frustration throughout the meeting because they couldn't hear the proceedings.

Several members asked where the sound system was, and why it wasn't being used. Eventually, the air conditioning was turned off to im-

prove audibility.

Speeding up ARB process

The Architectural Review Board [ARB] is encouraging any members who turn in applications to be thorough, straightforward, and clear.

"The reason why projects are put on hold is not because we want to delay them," Director Hirsch said. "It is virtually the lack of in-

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Sedlak

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Neither Sedlak nor Kirk chose to stay. "No we will let you talk," Sedlak said.

"We would like to thank you both for your interest in the community and your willingness to serve," McCue said. "Unfortunately, somebody isn't going to be picked because we only have one spot, but please remember there is an upcoming election in 2015."

In addition to the Erickson seat, now occupied by Sedlake, Durham's term is up in November 2015.

Tough decision

Council members agreed that choosing between Kirk and Sedlak was a tough decision, and that each candidate had experience and knowledge that would be an asset.

McCue and Frusco both were excited that Kirk has successfully written grant applications and has a background in finance.

Having served as water superintendent, Sedlak has a good understanding of Foxfire's water infrastructure, and he had also established a good working relationship with the community.

Currently, there is only one woman on the Council. Frusco and McCue both noted that an additional woman would better reflect the Village's demographics.

Durham noted that Sedlak had lived in Foxfire for many years and that Kirk had only become a full time resident in 2012.

It was Sedlak's hands-on experience working in Foxfire that tipped the vote.

"Sedlak was selected primarily for his overall familiarity with the operations of

the Village, its residents, and the Village water system through his experiences as the water superintendent during the past six years," Durham said after the selection was made. "In addition, his accounting and systems design background should serve the Village well in future development plans."



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formation or unclear information. We often put applications on hold to request additional informational.”

ARB committee member Ron Ward explained, “We

Rubicon

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Sugg wants to offer area residents a taste of the simpler time the farm represents and has begun marketing Rubicon as a venue for weddings, reunions, and other events, including cooking class parties.

“I don’t want to be the most expensive or the least,” she said. “I want to become that place that offers something homespun and authentic as an alternative. The farm is perfect for brides that may be on the DIY bandwagon because it takes so little to dress the setting up because it already has rustic charm.”

Swaringen was chairing Aberdeen’s Bicentennial Committee in 1976, when her friend Marie Blue McKenzie asked for some help preserving the Black-Cole property.

“Her husband Buck was a direct descendent of the Black-Cole family,” Swaringen said. “They were interested in preservation. After a lot of research, in 1978, it was put on the National Register.”

Sugg, Swaringen, and Evie visit in the restored kitchen. Sunlight streams in the opened door, brightening the room and turning the almost two-century-old virgin pine planks to a deep golden red.

Swaringen slowly turns the pages of a book that Sugg designed about the artist Pauline Bahnson Gray of Old Salem.

Swaringen is assessing Sugg’s talents and how they can be used at the Blue Farm. Sugg is recognizing Swaringen’s wealth of historical knowledge and its need to be recorded.

It’s past time they got together, and they make plans for the next week.

have a new policy, and we meet early and look at things on the agenda, saving people two or four weeks to discuss something that we have seen. We would encourage people to come to the ARB meeting when the application is submitted, so that any questions can be answered right then.”

Recreation

The number of pony and horse rides at the stables have doubled from the same time last year. Sohl thanked Audrey Baker and her extended family for the many hours they volunteer at the stables.

The recreation committee is planning family-oriented activities ranging from a family pool party and a s’mores roast, to trick or treating at the stables.

Other Business

In other business during the Wednesday, June 25

Open Meeting:

- The board voted unanimously to pursue foreclosure on properties that had not paid dues for one year.
- In a three to one vote, with Leach opposed, the directors allowed first responder vehicles — marked and unmarked — to park, if necessary, off pavement to allow for quicker response. Leach expressed concern that it would set a bad precedent.
- The board voted unanimously to approve the sale of SLLA owned lot 212 for \$800.
- President Racine waxed poetic during the President’s report, encouraging SLLA members to go out and enjoy the simpler things. “We have a lot to enjoy here. I encourage every person here to take a walk around the area and appreciate the beautiful place we live.”

\$1,000 reward offered to combat vandalism

The Seven Lakes Landowners Association is offering a \$1,000 reward in a effort to combat vandalism.

Director Chuck Leach reported during the association’s Wednesday, June 25 Open Meeting that the recently refurbished docks and boat launches had been vandalized.

“Some misguided person or persons decided to destroy the new ladders and place graffiti on some of the side boards. There is over \$500 in damage.”

“The landowners association has placed a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved,” Leach said.

“From this meeting forward my facility committee is going to highlight vandalism occurring in the community and what it costs to repair the damage,” Leach continued.

“This board and the previous board has worked extremely hard to repair infrastructure, and increase property values.”

No one here on the board or our residents want to live in a community in decline. We need to all get together and get this vandalism stopped.”

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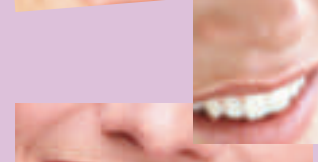
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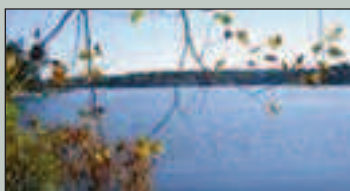


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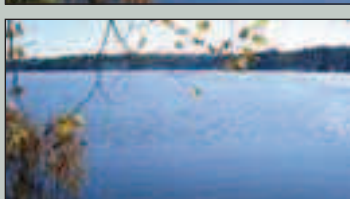
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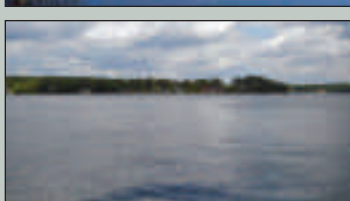
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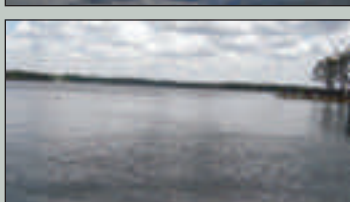
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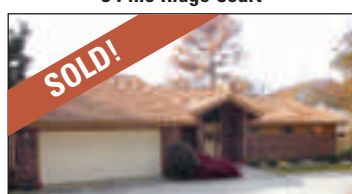
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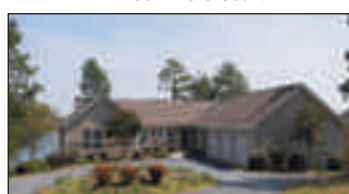
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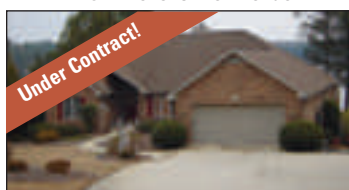
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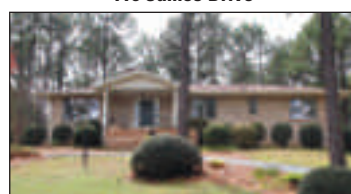
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