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*A NEWSPAPER FEATURING VILLAGE NEWS, GOLF, CHIT CHAT, AND OTHER "SAP THAT RUNS FROM THE PINES"*

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL PASSES NUISANCE ORDINANCE

### *New Law Covers Village and One Mile Beyond*

The Village Council, at its regular April meeting, enacted a nuisance ordinance that covers, not only the Village, but an area that extends one mile beyond the Village's boundaries. The new ordinance provides the Village residents with a powerful tool to eliminate so-called junk yard lots– that is, lots that contain unregistered cars, construction waste, appliances and other debris.

The new ordinance was drafted by the Community Appearance Committee under the chairmanship of Bob Tice, and was shepherded through the Village Council by Councilman Randy Saunders after approval and endorsement by the Village Attorney.

The ordinance mandates that the Village Council take enforcement action if the Council finds that conditions on a property fall within the nuisances that are defined in the ordinance. Those conditions include property containing breeding grounds for rodents and vermin, combustible items such as mattresses, boxes, paper, automobile tires and tubes; garbage, trash, refuse, brush, old clothes, rags; any concentration of building materials not suitable for building construction, alterations or repairs; open places of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or any other rotten or putrescible matter; property containing any household or office furniture, appliances, intended for interior household use; or any products which have jagged edges of metal or glass or any concentration of discarded bottles, cans or medical supplies.

The ordinance sets out a procedure for enforcement that enables the Community Appearance Committee or any Affected Person to file a complaint with the Village Council. The limitations on what parties can file a complaint are intended to limit the ordinance's reach to the most serious violations.

Once a complaint is filed, the Village Council must investigate the allegations of the complaint. If the Council finds that the property is in violation of the ordinance, it must order the owner to cure the violation. If the owner fails to do so, the Village Council would then retain a company to remove the offending matter and place a lien on the owner's property for the cost of clean up, together with an administrative fee and civil penalties.

Some residents have been critical of the Village Council's unwillingness to enforce its existing ordinances, some of which parallel the new ordinance. Further, the Village Police Chief, understandably, has hesitated to involve the department in what is seen as a civil code enforcement action.

The new ordinance is seen by some as a prelude to a full time code enforcement officer for the Village and a delegation of the Village Council's authority to a Code Enforcement Board. The latter board is used by many communities to ensure compliance with their local ordinances.

The new ordinance allowing the Villager Council to lien violator's property is based on a recent change in state law which specifically permits communities to charge back the cost of clean up to the land owner. Previously, communities had to go to court to establish lien rights. The lien is a powerful tool, since it is recorded against the property. As a result, the owner cannot sell the property until the lien is paid. Further, if not paid, the lien gives the Village the right to foreclose on the property and subject the property to a court ordered sale

## *EDITORIAL-*
## *Real Estate Taxes, Revaluation and Developer's Fees*
## *We Don't Need a Tax Increase*

Recently, Whispering Pines' residents received a sticker shock from the County Appraiser's office. We learned that, according to the appraiser's office, the market value of our homes has increased approximately twenty percent (20%) since the last valuation three or four years ago.

While experts tell us that nationally the real estate market has gone to hell in a hand basket, it appears that North Carolina generally, and our area in particular, is bucking the national trends. Prices in Whispering Pines are increasing significantly. This can be a win-win situation for our residents as long as the county and Village government don't try to get greedy.

The Pitch has made it a policy to focus on local matters only and leave County matters to other publications. So we direct our comments to the Village Council, which is currently preparing the Village's budget for its next fiscal year. The revaluation could provide a windfall to the Village coffers (out of taxpayer's pockets of course) if the Village Council does not adjust the tax millage rate downward.

Here is the problem. Last year, the Village real estate tax rate (the "millage rate" was set at $.34 per $100 of property valuation. Thus, if a taxpayer owned a home valued at $100,000, that taxpayer would have paid $340 in real estate taxes. A taxpayer owing a home valued at $300,000, would have paid $1020.00 to the Village.

Along comes the Property Appraiser and revalues Village homes, increasing them by 20% (not all home values were increased by 20% but that seems to be the norm; some increased more and some increased less.)

If the Village Council maintains the current tax millage rate of $.34 per $100 of value, our taxes would be automatically increased by 20%. Here is the arithmetic:

**2006 Taxes under old valuation.**
Last year's house value: $200,000.
Tax millage rate $.34/$100 of value.
*Tax due- $680.00.*

**2007 Taxes with 20% increase in valuation.**
This year's house value $240,000.
Tax millage rate unchanged $.34/100 of value.
*Tax due $816.00*

From the foregoing, it can be seen clearly that the Village Council must reduce the millage rate to avoid a tax increase. As we all know, politicians love to increase governmental revenues if they can blame the increase on someone else– in this case the County's Property Appraiser. It is up to us to let our Councilmen know that we will not tolerate such a slight of hand tax increase. If property values go up, then the millage rate should come down. This is called being ***revenue neutral.***

This is not to say that taxes should not be increased. That is a different question entirely. Any increase should be based on the financial needs of the Village. We know that prices are inflating and that it costs more each year for the Village to provide governmental services. But the Village Council in its budgeting process should start with expenses, pare them prudently and then come to a total expense number. If the projected revenues are greater than expenses, the millage rate should be reduced. If expenses are greater than projected income, the millage rate should be increased.

One thing is certain, the Village Council must resist the temptation to do nothing. Inaction equals a big tax increase.

The final question is whether any tax increase will be necessary for the forthcoming budget year. Councilman Bill Bateman has done a stellar job of keeping Village costs under control. As a result, the Village has a capital reserve account of $546,260, which is intended for new equipment and buildings. Additionally, the most open secret in the Village is that, in addition to its capital reserves, the Village has $1,350,000 in its checking account and CD type of investments. While some of those funds must be applied to maintenance of the Villages roads and dams, which to some extent have been neglected, it seems certain that the surplus funds in the money market account are strong evidence that no tax increases are necessary. In fact, the existence of the cash surplus in the Village's account would strongly suggest that taxes have been too high in the past.

**Developer's Fees.** Another revenue neutral strategy that should be implemented immediately is to start passing on to the developers the costs of Village staff, attorneys and outside engineers incurred by the Village in connection with the subdivision approval process. We suggested this last fall, and to date, it does not appear that anything has been done.

There is no earthly reason why the taxpayers of the Village should have to pay the costs necessary to ensure that a subdivision is being built to standards set forth in the Village's ordinances. We have heard reports of multiple inspections of some subdivisions because of shoddy or incomplete work. Why should we as taxpayers be required to bear the costs of those inspections? This, one would think is a "no brainer" but yet nothing seems to be done. These fees should also be revenue neutral. Increased fee income should be offset by lower taxes. *Skip Gebhardt*

# C C W P News and Coming Attractions

***MEMBERSHIP -***

CCWP offers memberships that fit your active lifestyle…for golfers and non-golfers alike.
CCWP strives to provide programs and amenities to keep you physically and socially active.
Our Associate Family Golf Membership is ideal for the 45 year and under golfing family.
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CCWP Golf members have reciprocal golf privileges at Foxfire. Active military get a 20% discount.
***Call 949-3000 x354 for details.***

***GOLF***
***Pro Shop hours***
***7 A.M. to 7 P.M.***

***WORK OUT ROOM:***
Open to all members 24 hours a day. Get a key to the workout room from Maureen at the Club.
Children under the age of 12 may not use the equipment in the fitness center. Children over 12 but under 18 years must be supervised in the fitness center by a parent or guardian.

***FOOD and FUN:***
**Schedule for our** Thagard Grill & Bar
**Breakfast: Every Day —** 7 a.m. – 10 a.m.
(continental)
**Lunch: Every Day —**11 a.m. to 3 p.m..
(limited Bar Menu)
**Bar: Every Day—** 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
***Dinner: Friday only / Thagard Grill Dinner***
***(served 5 to 8 p.m. with reservations)***

**VILLA ROOMS**

**41 Villa Rooms are available when you need extra rooms for family or friends.**

**Y O G A**
Looking for an activity that will stimulate your body as well as your mind?
April 4, 18, 25 - Yoga classes will be held at the clubhouse.
TIME - 4 to 5:30 P.M.
Cost - CCWP members $15.00 per class
Or $50.00 for the series.
Drop Ins are welcome
Instructor - Karen Wheeler
949 6578 / 978 501 1875
Coming attractions T B A
for beginners and intermediate yoga classes.

***CCWP May - 2007 Club Events***

**The *Half Way* house on the *EAST* Course will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..**
**and**
**The *Half Way* house on the *WEST* Course will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
and
**The Club House will be serving a breakfast buffet every *Saturday* and *Sunday* from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
**All you can eat for $6.95**
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May 1 - Ninettes Bridge - 10:30 a.m..
May 2 - Art Class - 9 a.m.
Bridge - 10 a.m.
May 7 - Mah Jongg 10 a.m.
Bridge 1:30 p.m.
May 9 - Art Class - 9 a.m.
Line Dancing - 6 p.m.
Gourmet Dinner - 6 p.m. MDR
May 10 - Kielbasa Open
West Course / Lunch MDR
May 11 - Duplicate Bridge - 10 a.m.
Members Association / Military / Lunch
***Birthday Night***
May 13 - Mothers Day Brunch
Two seatings - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
May 14 - Ninettes Guys and Dolls - Lunch
May 16 - Good Hands Book Sale
Art Class - 9 a.m.
CCWP Members meeting 3 p.m.
May 17 - Bingo - MDR
May 20 - Sunday Golf and Lunch
May 21 - Mah Jongg (EDR)
May 23 - Art Class - 9 a.m.
Line Dancing
May 25 - Duplicate Bridge 10 a.m. - Card Room
May 27 - Memorial Day Tournament -8:30 a.m.
East and West Courses
May 29 - Aerfication
May 30 - Aerfication
Art Class - 9 a.m. - Line Dancing 6 p.m.

**Members' Association Annual Meeting**
May 16, 2007, 3:00 p.m. - MDR
The meeting will feature a presentation by a representative of Avestra Golf Management highlighting 2006 and plans for the future. Members' Association committee chairpersons will discuss their committees' accomplishments
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# *Ninettes / Pinettes / MGA - Golf Information*

***Ninettes - May, 2007***

May 7 - Fewest Putts / 8:30 TT - East
May 14 -Guys and Dolls Tournament
9:00 SG - West - Lunch
May 17- Sandy Nines at Beacon Ridge
May 21 - Blind Partners 8:30 TT
West Back
May 28 - No Ninettes

***Pinettes - May, 2007***

May 1 - Weekly Tournament 8:30 SG or
Spring Hndcp Raindate -8:30 TT-W
May 8 - Weekly Tournament - 8:30 SG - E
May 15 - State Play Day - TT - 8:30 SG - W
Lunch
May 22 - Weekly Tournament - 8:30 SG-W
or State Play Day Rain date 8:30
SG

***MGA - May, 2007***

***May 2 - Weekly Tour - 8:30 SG - East***
***May 9 - Weekly Tour - 8:30 SG - West***
***May 16 - Weekly Tour - 8:30 SG - East***
***May 23 , 24, 25 - Member-Member***
***8:30 am start each day - West Course***
***May 30 - No MGA***

***Couples Sunday Golf and Lunch***

May 20, 2007
East Course - Shotgun Start - 9:30 AM
Lunch Follows Golf
Game: To Be Announced
Grab your partner along with another couple.
**Sign up sheets posted on May 1st.**

***Hole-In-One Honors***

***Marlene Reetz*** *aced the 93 yard, 14th hole, using her 8-iron, on the West Course March 30, 2007.*

***Bill Freitag*** *aced the 122 yard ,12th hole , using his 8-iron, on the East Course April 2, 2007*

***Bill Collier*** *aced the 118 yard, 14th hole, using his hybrid club, on the West Course April 13, 2007*

***Bill Hertel*** *aced the 154 yard , 5th hole, using his rescue club, on the West Course April 17, 2007*

***Tee Times for daily play -***

Call the pro-shop or go online .

To book tee times on line go to Whisperingpinesnc.com\teetimes
You may choose either of these options starting at 5:00 p.m. eight days before play

# MEMORIAL DAY

**Golf Tournament and Luncheon**
**Monday, May 28, 2007**

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8:30 am Shotgun -- East and West Courses
Registration begins at 7:45 am
Format - Texas Scramble
Cost: Golf and Luncheon = $16.00 per person
Luncheon only = $13.00 per person
Lunch will be served following golf.

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**M E N U**

Grilled chicken and BBQ Ribs
Baked Beans & Cole Slaw
Potato Salad and Condiments
Ice Cream with Fruit Topping
Ice Tea, Water, Coffee

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**C O M M I T T E E**

Dave and Rita Diffor, Chuck and MJ Barth for GOLF
Dos and Chub Nintzel for LUNCHEON

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# Pinettes Member-Guest / June 21, 2007 / Theme "Booked for Golf"
# Special Guest, Golf Writer, Jim Dodson

## Summer Twilight Golf

Starting Time has been moved to 4 p.m. / Volunteer couple will be the registrars and park hosts.
We will play only if a minimum of 14 couples have signed up and have a volunteer host.
Sign up sheets are on the social bulletin board in the lobby.
New members are encouraged to participate in the weekly 9-hole event.
More information may be obtained by calling the Diffor's at 949 0453 or Loughlin's at 949 5580.

**C C W P S O C I A L C O M M I T T E E**
**P R E S E N T S**
the
***First Gourmet Dinner Night / May 9, 2007***
***Cocktails 6:00 p.m. / Dinner - 6:30 p.m.***

***M E N U***
Baked Brie with Pears, Honey and Walnuts
French Onion Soup Tomato / Mozzarella Cheese Salad
Lemon Sorbet
Les Jammelles Table Wine
Filet Mignon with Gorgonzola Cream Sauce
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli and Baby Carrots
Assorted Breads / Butter
Pot de Crème Au Chocolat

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**This is a candlelight dinner for a maximum of 24 people.**
**The grill room will be seating tables of 4 or 8 people.**
**The cost will be $50.00 per person inclusive.**
**(Pre-dinner cocktails not included in price)**
**Call the Club or Grill Room and make your reservations early.**
**949-3000 ext. 360**

## MOORE COUNTY WOMEN'S AMATEUR

The *Annual Moore County Women's Amateur Championship* will be held June 12-13 at Foxfire Country Club. The championship is open to all women 18 and older who are residents of Moore County or are members of a golf club in the county.

The entry fee is $80 and includes a continental breakfast each morning, carts and lunch on Wednesday after the final round. The field is limited to 120 players. Applications are available in the pro shop on the Pinette/Ninette bulletin board.

Questions - call Marsha Paff 949-7237

## WHISPERING WOODS - CLUB NEWS - MAY, 2007

### *Ladies Golf Association*

9:00 am Tee Time for May
May 1 - Low Putts
May 8 - Captains Choice
May 15 - Low Gross & Low Net
May 21 - Matchmakers at Beacon Ridge (T)
May 22 - Mutt and Jeff
May 29 - Ladies at Deercroft 10 am

### *Men's Golf Association*

9:00 am Tee Time for May
May 2 - Spring Shoot-Out @ 12 Noon
May 9 & 11 - Member-Member Tournament
May 16 - Yellow Ball Plus one Low Net
May 23 - Red, White, Gold Tees, two low net
May 30 - Team Three Low Net
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## MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL
## April 4th and 14th

- Council approved minutes of the March 7, 2007 and March 14, 2007 Regular Council meeting.
- Council approved the March 2007 Finance Report.
- Will Letchworth of Wilbur Smith Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Pine Ridge Drive traffic study which included recommendations on safety, signage, speed and volume, cut through traffic from the subdivisions, and design alternatives for intersection safety.
- Councilman Zschoche reported on the results of the State inspection of Spring Valley Lake dam. The report did not mandate the repair of the dam or the installation of an emergency spillway; however, the process for an emergency spillway will continue because of the possible risk to the Village should the dam fail.
- Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni reported that a committee was formed consisting of himself; Mayor Hopkins, Mike Poston, Stafford Thornton, and David Woodruff of Southern Pines to discuss cooperative development along Highway 22 form Airport Road to McCaskill Road.
- A proposed amendment to the Parking Restrictions on residential lots was discussed. No action was taken.
- Council approved an amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance that enables the Village to enforce such nuisances as abandoned vehicles, unkempt properties, etc in the ETJ.
- Council approved the formation of a Village Charter Modernization Committee. Members will be appointed at the May 2, 2007 Work Session Meeting.
- Council approved the formation of a Buildings Facilities Committee to evaluate the requirements for any new and/or remodeled buildings to support Village functions. Appointments to the committee will be made later. The committee will investigate the requirement and location for a new maintenance department building and the possibility of expanding the current Village Hall.
- The Budget Meeting dates were scheduled for April 14, 2007 at the Woodlake Country Club; May 9, 2007 at 4:30 PM before the Regular Council meeting; June 13, 2007 for the Public Hearing; and any other meeting as deemed necessary.
- Council approved the 2006-2007 Audit Contract.
- Council approved the Final Plat for the Princess Gate, Phase II subdivision with provisions made on the plat for the Village engineer's approval of the punch list items and 125% of the completion amount for those items to be bonded out until all items are met.
- Council granted permission for Kirby Construction to install an off-site septic system for a lot on Countess Court.
- The Wastewater Committee will revise the current ordinance in Chapter F to allow off-site septic systems with easement line delineations.


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- By consensus, Council agreed to send a letter to the Whispering Wood Golf Club asking them to submit a cost estimate for the repair of Cardinal Dam so consideration of their request for the Village to accept the dam can go forward.

**Comments from Council and Staff:**

Mr. Poston, Director of Planning and Zoning, reported on the following:

- Two building permits were issued in the Village and three certificates of occupancy were issued. (2 in the Village and 1 in the ETJ).
- The Planning and Zoning Board is working on updating the Architectural Standards Ordinance for commercial development and a Village Comprehensive Lighting Ordinance.
- Councilman Bateman reported that the "Whispers Club" agreed to insert a Village Informational pamphlet into their Directory.
- Councilman Saunders reported on the following:

The sanitation company picks up from approximately 1200 homes, so please be considerate and obey the regulations. for yard debris pick up.

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## The Whispering Pines Thrift Shop

**ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO MOORE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS**

The month of May is when the decisions are made about the allocations. Diana Williamson, Chairperson of the Thrift Shop's Allocation Committee and her committee members, Ann Robson and Bonnie Gollehon, will meet to discuss the Spring grants. The committee may hear from representatives who will speak about their organizations. They will review our list of twenty or so to which we frequently give funds. It's a long, hard meeting. The choices are tough and we wish we had more to give because the needs are so great. Diana will bring the committee's recommendation to the Thrift Shop Board at their next regular meeting in June. The Board may make a few minor changes, but not usually, and the deal is done. The Board will announce the list and checks will be sent in June or early July. If you have a Moore County organization that you would like reviewed, call Diana and let her know. The next allocations meeting is in May and the date is not yet decided.

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## COUNCIL TESTIFIES AT PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATE INCREASES

Whispering Pines Council Members recently attended a North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Hearing called to consider a rate increase requested by Carolina Water. On April 17, Mayor Hopkins, and Councilmen Saunders and Zschoche traveled to Raleigh to represent the Village.

Councilman Saunders testified about the deficiencies of the in-ground pipe infrastructure and the build up of sediment in the pipes. He submitted into evidence a residential water filter that had become brown from the sediment carried by our drinking water.

Councilman Zschoche testified about a Thagard Dam safety concern caused by the recent repair to the Carolina Water office building. He explained the office is adjacent to Thaggard Dam with a portion of the building foundation located on the dam. The repair work was not approved by the State Dam Safety Office and Carolina Water was issued a Notice of Deficiency. It was directed to provide an certification that the repair did not hazard the integrity of the dam. The Council Members also heard other customers of Carolina Water testify about concerns and issues similar to Whispering Pines concerns and issues.

## State Environmental Agency Cites Carolina Water for Thagard Lake Dam Deficiencies.

On April 4, 2007, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) notified Carolina Water Service Company that it had conducted a visual inspection of that portion of the Thagard Lake dam owned by Carolina Water and had found deficiencies which the Water Company is required to correct.

In the letter, M. Steve Cook, Acting Regional Engineer for the Land Quality Section of DENR stated that there had been recent construction activity on the dam without the State's prior approval. According to the State's letter, construction equipment created augured holes which likely penetrated the earth-fill section of the dam and constitute an alteration of the dam.

The letter directed Carolina Water to retain the services of a registered professional engineer to make a study of the conditions discovered by DENR. The State further required the water company to submit as-built plans and engineer's certification within 90 days or face code enforcement action which could include a civil penalty of up to $500 per day.

## COMPUTER CLUB
**May 2007 Meeting**

The Computer Club of the Sandhills will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on Monday, May 14th, in the lower level meeting room of Whispering Pines Village Hall. Paul Gilster, well known for his "Computer Focus" column in the Raleigh News and Observer, will discuss "Three Clues to Web 3.0: Where the Net is Going." Visitors are most welcome.

Paul Gilster is also the author of seven books, including Digital Literacy (John Wiley & Sons, 1997) and Centauri Dreams: Imagining and Planning for Interstellar Flight (Copernicus, 2005), a study of the technologies that may one day make it possible to send a probe to the nearest star. Gilster tracks ongoing developments in areas of interstellar research from propulsion to robotics on the Centauri Dreams Web site (www.centauri-dreams.org). Although now specializing in space technology, he has contributed to numerous computer and business magazines and has published essays, features, reviews, and fiction both in and out of the technology arena. Gilster is a graduate of Grinnell College (IA) and did six years of graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill, specializing in medieval English literature.


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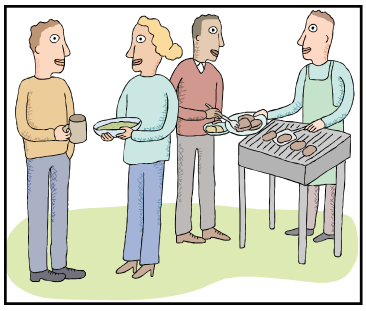
# DON'T FORGET THE VILLAGE'S SPRING SOCIAL

***DATE:*** ***May 19th***
***TIME:*** ***4:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.***
***PLACE:*** ***Thaggard Lake Park on South Lakeshore Dr.***



The Village of Whispering Pines invites all its residents to join with their friends and neighbors for a social evening of dancing to the Big Bands, 50's, 60's and Beach music.

The Quadraphonics will entertain for your listening and dancing pleasure from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A buffet supper will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

**BIRD CHIRPINGS-**
**APRIL 2007**
*(Courtesy of Susan Campbell)*

Things certainly have changed a lot around the Village over the last month. Migrant songbirds are passing through and local species such as chickadees, titmice, and nuthatches have begun raising families.

Four Common Loons were seen resting on Thagard Lake one day in late March. A loon or two have been known to stop and feed on our larger lakes in winter or spring but this group was quite a find! Also a few late flocks of Cedar Waxwings have been spotted as well. **Pat Kern** called about a big group using her water feature. We had a dozen or so waxwings here feeding on the remaining holly berries in mid-April. And a group of fourteen migrating Turkey Vultures turned up loafing along Farm Life Road near the intersection with Ray's Bridge Road. **Frank Ripp** noticed these individuals in a location vultures have been frequenting lately.

**Turkey Vulture. Photo Courtesy of Frank Ripp**

The calls of some of our early returning breeders, such as Eastern Kingbirds and Rough Winged Swallows, can be heard around the lakes now. And, right on schedule, the first Ruby-throated Hummingbird made an appearance at our feeder on the first of April. Great Crested Flycatchers, Gray Catbirds, and Barn Swallows will be back any day as well.

I was pleased to hear from **Web Halvorson** about a Wild Turkey he spotted along Airport road recently. There were several sightings of turkeys last spring in the same general area but none since. This is a species that has made quite a comeback nationwide. And speaking of fowl, **Elaine Fetters** had a beautiful Chukar on her deck not long ago. Chukars are not native to North America but have been released widely for hunting purposes. Released exotic ducks, geese, and partridge species have been known to turn up in the Village over the years. These are escaped individuals from nearby farms where they have been kept no doubt for enjoyment more often than hunting. We have two 'odd' Canada Geese of unknown origin mixed in with the flock that frequents the West Course. They are likely hybrid escapees whose linage includes Graylag or Egyptian Goose in addition to our all too familiar non-migratory Canada. Not surprisingly, as the nesting season is underway, I have had a few reports of nest predation already.

**Chukar. Photo courtesy of Elaine Fetters.**

It is not unusual for Mallard nests to be located by mammalian predators such as raccoons or opossums, especially at night. But as the **Ripps** found recently, crows also find duck eggs irresistible. However, Mallards are very capable of re-nesting if their eggs are lost early in the spring. A much more unusual event was reported by **Web Halvorson**. A Carolina Wren nest was violently pulled from one of their nest boxes by a male Red-bellied Woodpecker as Web watched in amazement. The woodpecker then proceeded to eat the extracted eggs. How this bird knew to do this I have no idea. It may have had thoughts of taking over the box after evicting the current occupants and simply took advantage of the unanticipated meal. Please send wildlife sightings and photos to susan@ncaves.com or report by phone to 949-3207.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## Garden Club News

President George McNally welcomed everyone to the April Garden Club meeting. The new slate of officers was announced: President -George McNally, Vice-President -Joan Bruno, Secretary -Pat Kern, Treasurer-George Klein, Publicity -Peggy Kennedy, Hospitality- Kathy Luckhaus, Park Chairman -Paul Nealon, Park Work Coordinator -John Hopkins, Adopt-A-Highway -Bill and Doris Russell.

Cooperative Extension Service Agent, Taylor Williams presented the evening program "Managing Soil in the Sandhills." The average rainfall for our area is about 52-54 inches a year. The physical characteristic of our soil is poor for holding water. Water drains out quickly taking nutrients with it. Soil samples should be taken to determine any soil deficiencies. He stated the fertilizers you use need to be formulated for our region. The formulated fertilizers can be obtained at one of the supply stores in the area like Carthage Farm Supply or Aberdeen Supply. Taylor also discussed the makings of compost, the balance ratio between carbon and nitrogen of the different materials, keeping the compost moist

but not too wet and turning the compost regularly to aid decomposition. Adding compost to your soil will improve soil structure and improve water retention.

The Garden Club will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 1st at the Whispering Pines Rescue Squad building on Ray's Bridge Road for a Pot Luck Dinner. All are welcome.

**Garden Club Sponsored Road cleanup.**

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, twenty-two volunteers worked for three hours picking up 21 orange bags of mixed trash and 6 blue bags of trash to be recycled. The Adopt-a-Highway hotline was contacted for trash pickup on Sunday, April 15th, and the Department of Transportation has been mailed and sent by hotline the tabulations for statistical purposes, as well, so that certificates will be prepared for the following volunteers who so graciously helped with this project. Thank you to the following volunteers:

George and Bonnie Klein; George and Yvonne McNally; Bob Zschoche; Paul Nealon; Bill and Ag Buckley; Bill and Doris Russell; Peggie Kennedy; Bill and Mary Hager; Mary Lou and Bruce Winn; Dave and Linda Bruenig; Bob and Gloria Beck; Marcia Hutton; John Hopkins and Laurie Roosma

## WE ARE FAMILY– FOUND MONEY AND OUR ZIP CODE

*(We received this letter from a subscriber which we published because of the information that it contained. Most letters to the Editor are posted on our website* ***(wppitch.com)****.*

***To the Editors:***

Recently I got back some money which had been diverted to the State's Unclaimed Property Department three years ago because the company's computer addressed it to Carthage 28327 instead of Whispering Pines 28327 so it was never delivered to me. I wonder how often this is happening because so many computers automatically fill in Carthage when they see the zip code 28327. Log on to the web site to check for lost property in any of 35 states: www.missingmoney.com It's free, so don't get diverted to a broker or middle man.

For anyone wishing to complain about Whispering Pines having to share a zip code with Carthage, I would urge you to write to all of the following:

David C. Fields, Sr., District Manager 704-424-4489
United States Postal Service, 2901 Scott Futrell Drive
Charlotte, NC 28228-9980 (This is the only one at USPS who responded to my letters) or

John E. Potter, Postmaster General 1-800-8777
United States Post Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
Washington, DC 20260

## PERSONALS

**LOCAL DEATHS** We express our condolences to the families of the following Village residents:

Nancy Crabb passed away on April 2.

## WHISPERS

WHISPERS, the women's club of Whispering Pines held a luncheon and program on Wednesday, April 11 at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. Forty women listened as Master Lee Holbrook explained and demonstrated his style of Tai Chi. He began his love of Tai Chi more than forty years ago while serving in the US Army.

**Master Lee instructs Alma Jones who helped plan the luncheon.**

After retiring as an Army Colonel, he has devoted his time to mastering Tai Chi and teaching more than 20 classes per week at various locations around the Sandhills such as the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department, First Health, Carolina House, Penick Village, and Belle Meade.

Tai Chi is a combination of meditation, body movement, and balance. The goal is relaxation and movements which, according to Chinese medicine, allow the system of chi energy to flow making the body healthy by building up the immune system. Master Lee has made three DVD's, Tai Chi Levels I, II, and III, which are for sale at $25 each.

The last meeting of WHISPERS, for the 2006-2007 year will be on Wednesday, May 9th. Husbands are invited to dine and listen to Whispering Pines Police Chief and Director of Public Safety, Louis Gregory, talk about his career and give us general information about the police and fire departments; their staffing, training, equipment and future plans and needs.

The menu will be turkey and bacon croissant, fresh fruit, and brownie a-la-mode. Send checks for $13.00 each to Sylvia Hennessey, 3 Birdie Drive by May 5th. If you have any questions, call Sylvia at 949-3816.

## MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL
## April 4th and 14th

**(Continued from Page 6)**

o Councilman Saunders will have a report at the Work Session meeting in May on the outcome of the Utilities Commission meeting in Raleigh held on April 17, 2007 concerning the Carolina Water Service's request for a water rate increase.

o Carolina Water Service will start the installation of the second interconnection at the corner of Niagara-Carthage and Camp Easter Road.

o The Village will be sponsoring a Spring event. There will be a Barbeque/picnic with a band for dancing at Thagard's Park on May 19th.

Councilman Zschoche reported on the following:

o The Village was copied on a letter to Carolina Water Service from the State Dam Safety office regarding the dam deficiencies caused by piles being driven into the dam for the repair of their building. The letter gave Carolina Water notice to hire an engineer and repair the dam within 90 days. The Village will continue to monitor the situation.

**THE PITCH GROWTH REPORT**
*(Provided by Mike Poston , Dir. Village Planning and Zoning)*

| | **Bldg. Permits Issued** | **Average Square Feet** |
|---|---|---|
| **March** | | |
| Village | 2 | 3188 |
| ETJ | 0 | — |
| **Year to Date 2007** | | |
| Village | 7 | 2605 |
| ETJ | 0 | -0- |
| **Year-To-Date 2006** | | |
| Village | 6 | 2348 |
| ETJ | 2 | 1645 |

o The feedback from the Public Information Meeting held on March 20, 2007 indicated to him that it is not time for a new Village Complex; however, plans for a new maintenance department building will go forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Zamaroni reported on the following:

o The Land Use Steering Committee continues to review public comments on the Land Development Plan and the next meeting will be held on May 10, 2007 at 5:00 P.M..

o The Town of Southern Pines held a Special Meeting on April 23, 2007 to discuss the Harris Teeter development on the corner of Airport Road.

Mayor Hopkins again reminded everyone that the next Work Session Meeting will be held on May 2, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., the next Regular Council Meeting will be held on May 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., and the next budget session will be held at 4:30 P.M. on May 9th.

**TIPS FOR THE GARDENER – May**

Lawns

*Lime Requirements*:
In absence of a soil test, the following is a rule of thumb recommendation. If you have not applied lime in the last 3 years, add 100 pounds of lime per 1000 sq. ft. for all grasses except centipede. For centipede use only 30 to 40 pounds per 1000 sq. ft.

*Fertilizer Requirements*:
With our light sandy soils in Whispering Pines, the exchange capacity (ability of the soil to retain nutrients) is so low that fertilizing two or three times a year is recommended. On Bermuda and Zoysia lawns apply 15 pounds of 16-4-8 per 1000 sq. ft. in mid May and 15 pounds of 16-4-8 per 1000 sq. ft. in July. For Centipede apply 5 pounds of 20-0-0 per 1000 sq. ft. or 2 pounds of 46-0-0 per 1000 sq. ft. in June. Centipede needs very little lime or fertilizer. For Fescue (a cool season grass) apply 5 pounds of 16-4-8 per 1000 sq. ft. in February, again in September and again in November.

Note: The major nutrients used by plants are nitrogen, phosphorous, and

potash. They are always listed in that order on a bag of fertilizer. A 100 pound bag of 10-10-10 fertilizer has 10 pounds of nitrogen, 10 pounds of phosphorous and 10 pounds of potash along with filler compounds such as sand.

Shrubs

Those early flowering shrubs would love to be fertilized after they bloom. The hard freeze on Easter morning was tough on new growth. However, by now these frosted shrubs are looking good. New leaves have formed and even though it set the plants back temporarily, healthy plants will suffer little long range effect.

One cup of 10-10-10 fertilizer applied at the drip line for azaleas 2 feet high and 2 feet in diameter is the correct amount. Use less on smaller plants and more on larger plants.

For dogwoods, use 3 pounds of 10-10-10 on those trees that are 20 feet high and branches 20 feet wide. Use less on smaller trees. Note: The old saying that if "little will do good than more will do better" is false. Do not over fertilize.

*Dr. John Gerwig is professor emeritus of Rutgers University and was for 30 years the Director of Rutgers Cooperative Extension in New Jersey*.


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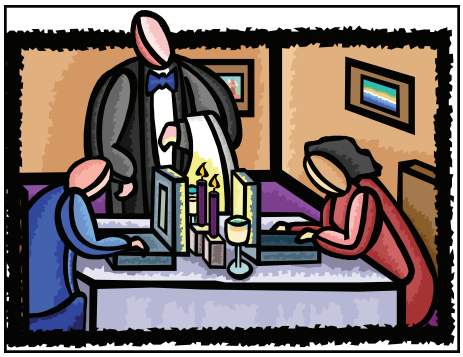
## DINING OUT



*Another monthly critique of restaurants in the Sandhills area for the non-connoisseur.*

Each month the Entrée and Dessert Editor try to have dinner with another couple so that we can provide you with a review of several items on a restaurant's menu. Well, this month the beautiful springtime weather drew us outdoors so much that the deadline for The Pitch crept up and we found ourselves "dateless", with no restaurant review. That dilemma led us to the Bavarian Brathaus on Hwy. 15-501 outside Carthage on a Wednesday night. The atmosphere was certainly pleasant as we were greeted by one of the owners (who was also the waitress) with a big smile and a welcome – of course it helped that we were only the second customers of the night and it was fairly early. We know nothing about German Food, however, the waitress was very informative and answered all our questions about the menu in great detail.

She started us with wonderful hot, buttered homemade sourdough bread. The Entrée Editor chose to start with a Braumeister Goulash Soup with beef tenderloins and a spicy paprika sauce. The soup was a little spicy but very good. The salads consisted of julienne tomatoes served in a house vinaigrette dressing which were also quite good. For his entrée, the Entrée' Editor chose Jager Schnitzel (deep fried veal covered with gravy and industrial quantities of mushrooms) which was excellent. The Dessert Editor chose the Bavarian Drunken Chicken (odd choice for someone who doesn't drink). While the noodles served with the meal looked and tasted awful to the Entrée Editor, the Desert Editor found them passable. Neither editor was wild about the red cabbage and apples. The veal and the chicken dishes were hot and delicious and the portions were more than adequate.

The Dessert Editor ordered the apple/raisin/walnut strudel and was not disappointed. The strudel had a wonderful flaky crust and was served warm with vanilla ice cream. (She's already looking for larger pants and planning strategies for the next visit) The decaf coffee was freshly brewed and served in a pool size cup.

Overall, the service was excellent (but remember, this was early and they weren't busy) and the food was very good. They make their own bratwursts in house and, evidently, it is quite good as they supply it to two other well-known restaurants. Costs for two, minus drinks, was about $50.00. Two other points. The Brathaus does not serve hard liquor (beer and wine only) and does not take credit cards. We would like to go back in a large group.

## GOOD HANDS GANG BOOK SALE

Good Hands book/media/recycling sale will be held at the CCWP Pool House on May 16th from 1-8 P.M. and May 17th from 9-3.

Donated books and materials which will be sold and recycled to others may be left at at 165 Pine Lake or 23 Cardinal prior to the 16th.

Last minute donations of books, puzzles, and media materials may be brought to the pool house prior to 11:00 am on the 16th. Our annual dollar a bag sale will be from 2:00 to 3:00 on the 17th. Your donations and purchases support our Easter baskets and Christmas clothing for children.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**Behind the Scenes of the US Women's Open Championship.** Betsey Hamilton, USGA Director, US Women's Open Championship, will provide insight into the 2007 event to be held June 25 - July 1 at Pine Needles. Ms. Hamilton will present history, stories and fascinating logistical statistics (e.g. how many port-a-johns will be needed for the event)

Thursday, May 10, 7 - 8 p.m. Call 215-0900 to reserve a seat.

**The Senior Enrichment Center is offering the following programs for May.** The SEC is located at 8040 US Hwy 15/501 (2 miles north of the traffic circle). The phone number is 215-0900. Hours are *Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 7 am - 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday: 7 am - 10 p.m.; Saturday: 5 - 10 p.m.*

Saturday, May 5, 12, and 19: **SEC Saturday Soirees**. Live music will be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure. Okay to bring your own refreshments. $5 admission fee.

*The **Moore County Senior Enrichment Center Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, May 1st, from 10 am to noon. "Walking Across Egypt" is a witty story by North Carolina resident Clyde Edgerton about a mixed up teen and a stray dog. Read the book or just come to the Book Review Group and talk about a favorite book you have read. Facilitator is Whispering Pines resident Martie Mullenbach

**Chicken Paillards with Green Beans, Pasta and Dessert.** . . . a cooking demonstration by Mamie Bennett will prove that anyone can make a simple, yet elegant, meal. Come join us for a fun time in the teaching kitchen at the Moore County "SEC".
Thursday, May 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for this workshop. Limited seating. Reservation is necessary.

**Regularly scheduled programs:**

*Daily* - Drop by for a tour of the new Senior Enrichment Center. Drop by with a partner to play table tennis (room accommodates beginner to intermediate players)

*First Tuesday* 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Book Club with Martie Mullenbach.

*Tuesdays* 1 - 4 p.m. Social Bridge.

*1st and 3rd Tuesday* 3:30 - 4:30 Analyze Your Golf Swing with PGA Pro Tom Prots

*4th Tuesday* 1 - 5 p.m. Basket weaving Club.

*Tuesdays nights* are Game Nights from 7 - 9 p.m..
1st Tuesday - Bunco
2nd Tuesday - Euchre
3rd Tuesday - Mexican Train Dominoes
4th and 5th Tuesday - Mixed Games

*Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m.* - Learn to Knit. Bring #9 or #10 needles and a ball of yarn. Reservation necessary.

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# THINGS AND TIMES

*(Courtesy of Bob Tice)*

## Thoughts from an Idle Mind

***Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.***

***He who laughs last, thinks slowest.***

***Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.***

***You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future.***

***The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.***

***It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.***

***The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.***

***Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.***

***The shin bone is a device for finding furniture.***

***When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds***

***When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.***

***Think what it would mean to most of our energy bills if we could collect and convert our passed air into electricity.***


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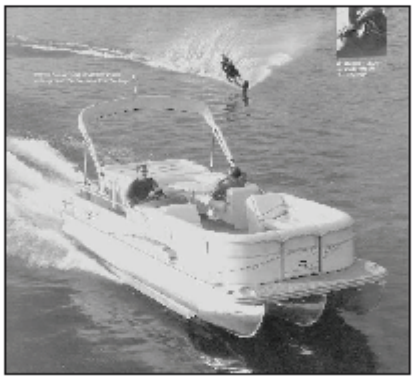

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## Some History of Whispering Pines from the Pitch

***(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)***

April 1972 (35 years ago).

- The Whispering Pines Rifle Club requested permission to fire shotguns at their range within the Village corporate limits. The Council denied the request.
- The second Villa was opened at the Country Club.
- A late April squall capsized a sail boat on Spring Valley Lake. All aboard were wearing life vests and no injuries resulted.
- The Club is taking reservations for the Mothers Day Buffet ($2.75).

April 1982 (25 years ago).

- Oakwood Park becomes a beautiful park by the hard work of 29 members of the Garden Club.
- The Eureka Precinct voting location moves from Village Hall to Farm Life School because of the large increase in the number of voters in Whispering Pines.
- The Thagard Lake Marina Boat Docks has slips available for rent for $25 per month.

April 1992 (fifteen years ago)

- Council Members attended a public hearing in Fayetteville about a proposed water rate increase by Carolina Water. Complaints by Whispering Pines and other customers were about poor water quality and the high cost of water.
- The '911' number for emergency services becomes operational in Moore County.
- The WHISPERS House Tour was attended by 200 ladies who visited 6 homes.
- Newcomers to the Village included the Kosters of Lakeview Drive and the Whites of Martin Way.

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**Peggies Pet Sitting Service**. While you're on vacation or at work let an experienced professional exercise, feed and love your pets in their own home. WP resident, therapy dog owner and volunteer. References. Call Peggie at 949-1137.

**Photographer.** Weddings, anniversaries, corporate events & real estate. Reliable, affordable & professional. References and portfolio available. Call 949-6569

**Private Tutoring**: for 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader in reading, math, or writing . Recently retired Moore County teacher of 32 years. Call Doris Russell at 949-6549.

**Journeyman, stone mason,** build custom stone design or brick structures/ projects. Grind, tuck-point, repair and replace brick and stone. Call for a quote. 949-0430

**Remodel Rooms**: Painting and remodeling. Call 949-3532.

**Sandhills House and Carpet Cleaning.** Residential, office, rentals, new construction commercial professional service. Call 949-3311 or 638-1696.

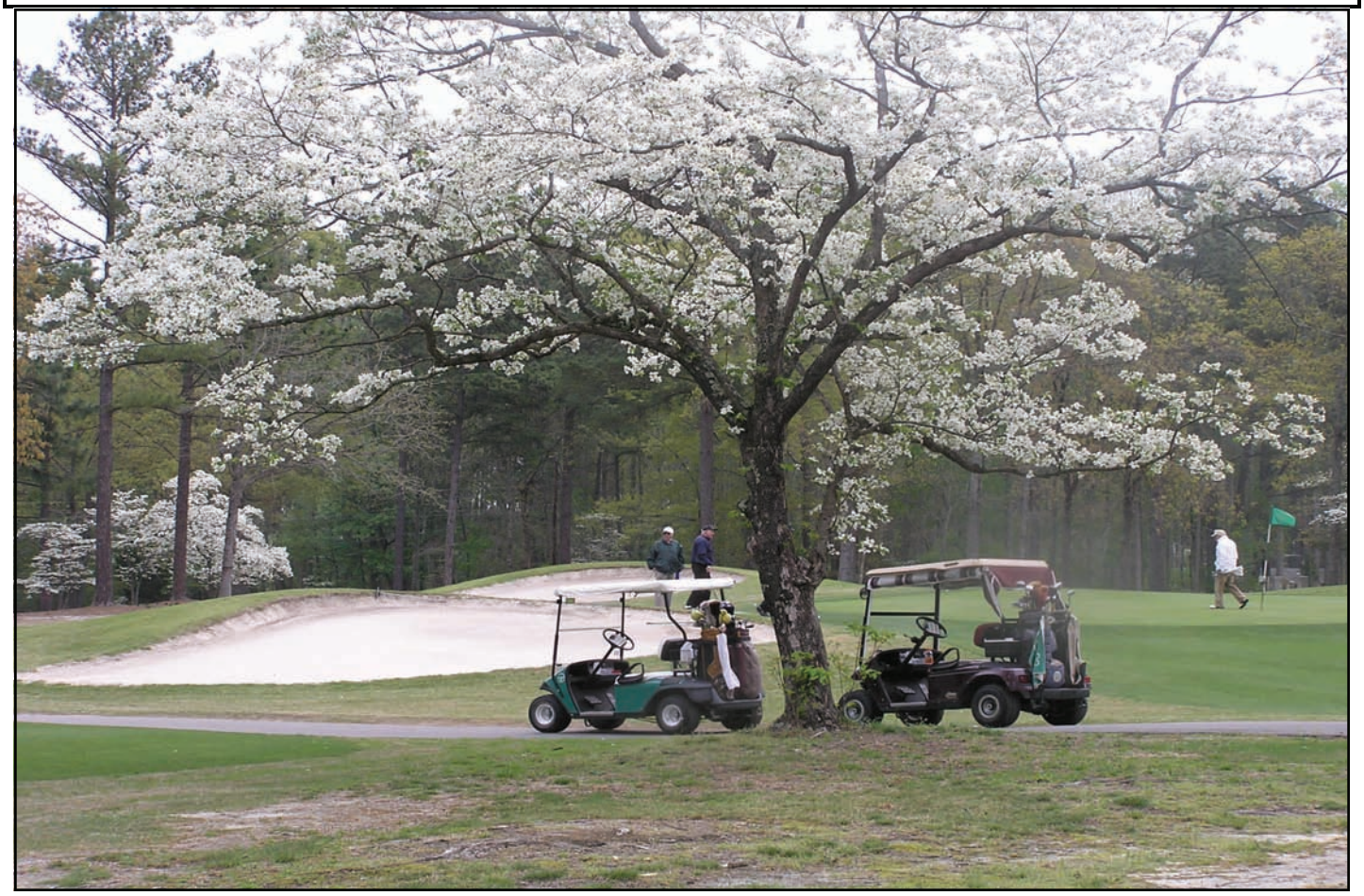
**Sew-It-Seems:** Alterations by CJ Grant—Women's and men's clothing alterations. Prompt, quality workmanship, reasonable prices. 944-7347.

**Spring Valley residents** call Bill Adams for dock and bulkhead repairs or new construction, 215-7171

**Travel Services:** Need help with arrangements for tours, cruises, vacation travel? . Don Winslow at 949-3565 or donwin@charter.net

**Yard Services:** Prim's Lawn Service – Will install gutter guards. Eliminates cleaning your gutters. 949-3301.

**Yard Services:** T & H Yard Service—Residential & Commercial—we do yards, driveways, etc. Call 673-1508; 673-0664.



*See you next month.* *Johnnie & Skip*