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TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS ANNEXED INTO THE VILLAGE

The Village Council, at its regular September meeting, voted to approve two applications for annexation of two subdivisions into the Village. The Herron's Brook application involves a subdivision of 64 homes on a 54.65 acre tract of land that is located between Lakeview Drive and Vass Carthage Road. The second application involves Phase I of Summerfield at Arrowstone, a 53 acre tract of land with 62 homes that abuts Hardee lane between Arrowstone Drive and the airport.

The entrance to Herron's Brook off of Lakeview Drive.

Currently, the subdivisions are in the Village's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Under State law, the ETJ is roughly defined as the area that extends outward for one mile from the Village's boundary. Also, under State law, the ETJ is subject to the Village's zoning jurisdiction, but not subject to its taxing jurisdiction.

According to Village Manager Sue Shuster, these annexations, when fully built out, will be an important source of new revenue for the Village. The subdivisions will consist of high end homes which The Pitch has assumed will average $300,000. Based on this average price, the new taxable income to the Village will be approximately $71,040 for Herons Brooke and $68,820 for Summerfield Phase I for a total of $139,860. This new income represents approximately 6% of the income in the Village's current budget. Even prior to full build out, the Village will see some taxable income from the subdivisions based on the appraised value of the lot prices.

The entrance to Summerfield at Arrowstone off of Hardee Lane.

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TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE?

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend us your ears; we come to bury beekeepers, not to praise them;"
Village Council 9/2014

Council Stings Bee Owners

Village Council was a beehive of emotion at its regular September meeting. In one of the livelier meetings in recent memory, the Village Council refused to pass an amendment to the Village's Land development Ordinance to allow beekeeping within the Village and ETJ. The vote was 3-2 with Mayor Zschoche and Council Members Lexo and Osborne refusing to amend the LDO to permit beekeeping and Council Members DeBolt and Blackwell voting to allow beekeeping in the Village and ETJ.

The proposed amendment to allow beekeeping had been reviewed several months ago by the Village Planning Board which approved the amendment without changes. The amendment was then forwarded to the Village Council which, in its August meeting, voted to make changes in the proposed amendment before setting up a public hearing. In

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Editorial– Don't Dodge the Issue, Just Tell Us How You Really Feel

There is a word that, in recent times, has been creeping into politician's explanations of why they are for or against something. The word is "precedent". Because of politicians inherent fear of telling people what they don't want to hear, they have devised ways to sidestep an issue rather than face it head on. Precedent, as in " I am not totally against this but I'm afraid of the dangerous precedent this might set" is the debate stopper that substitutes for "I am against this because this is inconsistent with my views of our Village ".

This comes to mind because of Village Council's recent debate over allowing beekeeping in the Village. Frankly, we cannot get excited about the issue of beekeeping. It appears to be a relatively innocuous activity, and surprisingly, even fortress Pinehurst Village allows the activity. But from the tenor of Village Council's last meeting, it also appears to evoke strong emotions both in favor of, and in opposition to, the activity. And thus, begins our narrative into the dodge ball words "precedent".

In the course of the debate over beekeeping the Mayor stated: "Growing up in Oklahoma, my parents had bees, so I know all about doing this and think beekeeping is a good thing. But is it good for Whispering Pines? My conclusion is that it is not, and that it should be done elsewhere." Homerun, Mr. Mayor, we elected you and the rest of the Council, as voices of the residents to decide what you perceive to be good and bad for the Village and to articulate your beliefs rather than side stepping them.

Unfortunately, the Mayor took a sidestep backward and stated "Some have stated that if this passes, maybe they will get a few chickens. We as Council members have to be concerned about setting the precedents we could be setting when we make a decision." Councilwoman Lexo made a similar comment stating "People can make an argument for allowing anything in the village if we let in bees". Sorry folks, but that reasoning dog just won't hunt.

First, let's briefly examine the origin of the legal term precedent. In days of old, when knights were bold, there weren't legislatures to pass thousands and thousands of pages of very specific laws (otherwise known as statutes or ordinances). The king ruled with an iron fist and in the few instances where he spoke on a legal subject, what he said was law. But at that time there were also crown appointed judges (they rode around the designated villages thereby earning the name circuit judges) who went from town to town to adjudicate conflicts between citizens. They would hear the facts of the conflict and would make a decision.

At some point these judges started writing down the facts and their decisions in a book, and then the next time similar facts came up, they would consult their book and render a similar decision. This was called following precedent and over a thousand years, this judge made law became what today is known as common law; decision after decision that can be researched to find the law applicable to the instant case. This law thrived only where the king, through statute, had not dictated the law on a specific subject. It was meant to fill a void left by the king.

Contrast this with the lawmaking activity in which the Village Council engages today. Neither the king of old, nor the modern legislature, be it Congress, the state legislature or the Village Council needs precedent to pass a law nor should it worry about a precedent a new law would set. How can anyone argue that since a Village ordinance allows bees, the Council is duty bound to pass an ordinance allowing chickens. This, as we said earlier, is a means of side stepping the Council's real obligation, which is to determine what is best for the community. As the Mayor rightly said in his lead off argument "I am against this because this is inconsistent with my views of our Village". This is the most direct way to tell a resident "I hear what you say, and I sympathize with you, but I disagree with you. You probably don't want to hear that, but I'm sorry, that's my job and that's what the people of Whispering Pines have elected me to do."

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VILLAGE INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

By Nancy O'Connell

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Village Calendar for Sept. —2014

Council	**Oct. 8th**
Lakes & Watershed	**Oct. 22nd**
Planning & Zoning	**Oct. 27th**

Whispering Pines Police Department August 2014 Statistics

Burglary	**0**
Larceny	**0**
Vandalism	**0**
Assaults	**2**
Fraud	**0**
Citation Charges	**141**
Warnings Charges	**188**

Year to Date 2014 Statistics 1/1-7/31

Burglary	**2**
Larceny	**8**
Vandalism	**4**
Assaults	**3**
Fraud	**7**
Citation Charges	**1,073**
Warnings Charges	**1,325**

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Clark is also a frequent guest on MSNBC and appears in worldwide media including NPR the Wall Street Journal and the BBC.

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Dorie Clark is a native of the Sandhills, a student of the O'Neal School and at the age of 18 graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College and later received a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Business School.

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League of Women Voters October Meeting

Monthly luncheons of the League of Women Voters of Moore County (LWVMC) are all held at the Table on the Green Restaurant, 2205 Midland Drive, inside Midland Country Club. The lunch meeting starts at 11:30 AM. The public is invited, with a reservation. The reservation is due the Friday preceding the event, by contacting Charlotte Gallagher at 944-9611 or emailing her at owegecoach@gmail.com. The total cost for the catered luncheon is $13, inclusive. A check made payable to the League of Women Voters of Moore County is the preferred method of payment. Tuesday, October 21. The featured speaker will be Bob Grimesey, the Superintendent of Moore County Schools. Reservations are due by 10/18.

Whispers 50th Anniversary Charity Gala Signup Sheet
Friday October 24. Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30

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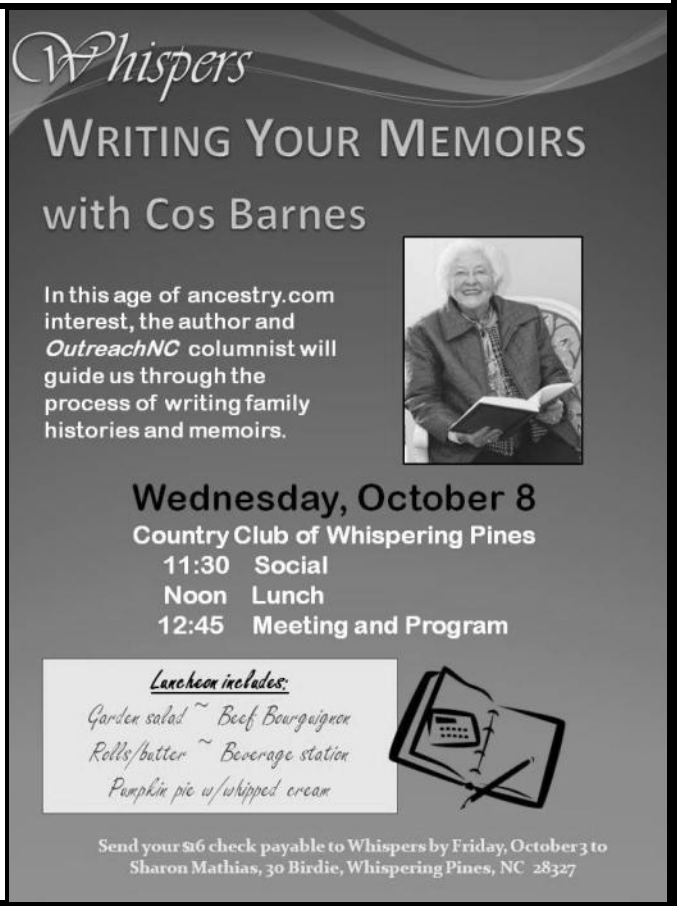
Good Night and Good Luck. A film about Edward R. Murrow and the McCarthy hearings starring George Clooney November at 2 p.m.

Blackboard Jungle. The film shows school life in the public schools in the 1950's. Starring Glen Ford December 9, at 2 p.m.



Beekeeping

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this month's meeting, the issue before the council was whether a necessary public hearing on the amendment should be called, including the date for such a hearing. At that point, it appears that both the audience and some Council members got a bee in their bonnet and heated arguments for and against the amendment ensued. Since no public hearing was set, the amendment died.

Proponents did not go quietly, however. In one of the more lively meetings since the Council argued about playground equipment more than ten years ago, passions began to run high and there was even evident tension between Council members Lexo and DeBolt. Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Lexo, an opponent of beekeeping in the Village, scolded Councilwoman Abbe DeBolt for interrupting her while she spoke. "Abbe, I don't need you criticizing me," she said. DeBolt shot back "Having bees in Whispering Pines isn't the apocalypse," she said. "This is ridiculous. I don't see a problem here, and I don't want to create one where none existed before."

Councilman Ed Blackwell, dressed in a yellow and black shirt, said that the beekeeping activity would be harmless. "There are two types of bees," he said. "The African bee is a more aggressive type, but we are talking about the domesticated European bee, a very docile animal that will only cause problems if you knock the hive over or something. These bees are a benefit to our community and I am in favor of this amendment."

Dr. David Tarpy, a North Carolina State University professor and specialist in honey bee biology and beekeeping, called the council's decision "disappointing." "I think it is quite short sighted," he said. "The only argument I could see in favor of the ban was unsubstantiated fear of the unknown, which to me is not a solid premise if one were knowledgeable about the actual (and minimal) risks that bees pose."

The proposed amendment brought to surface the fact that one individual was already raising bees and had been doing so for the last 13 years, an activity which is prohibited by the Village's current LDO as well as the prior zoning ordinance. With all of the public attention to the issue, it would be difficult for the Villages Zoning Administrator to ignore this violation of the LDO. Presumably, the individual's only recourse would be to apply for a variance, However, according to experts, the likelihood of obtaining a variance under these circumstances would be unlikely.

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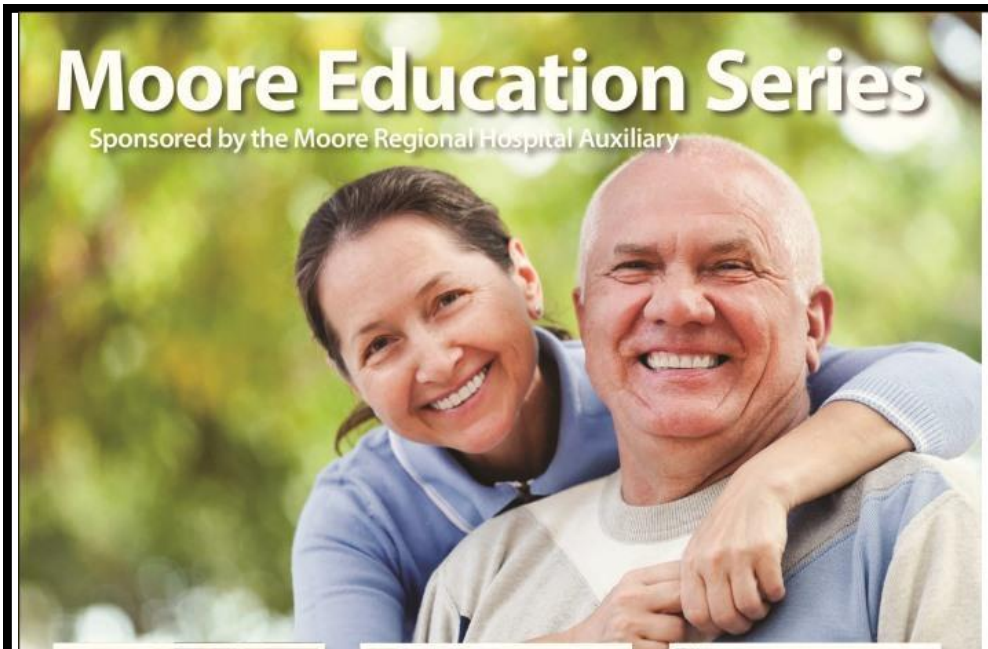

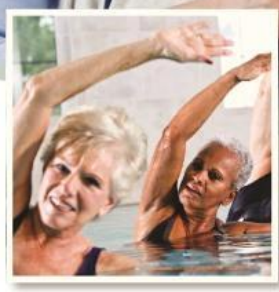

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Next month, on Wednesday, October 8, our guest speaker will be Cos Barnes. She is an author, a book reviewer and frequent contributor to the PineStraw Magazine, NC Outreach and the Pilot. Her topic will be of great interest to those of us who want to leave an enduring legacy to our loved ones by writing our family history. For reservations, see details that are included in this issue of the Pitch.

There's a buzz in the air! Friday evening, October 24 is the date for the Whispers 50th Anniversary Gala. What better way to celebrate our success than to eat, drink and be merry? Bring your favorite friends, dress for having fun, prepare yourself for a HUGE party with familiar music played and danced to by experts.

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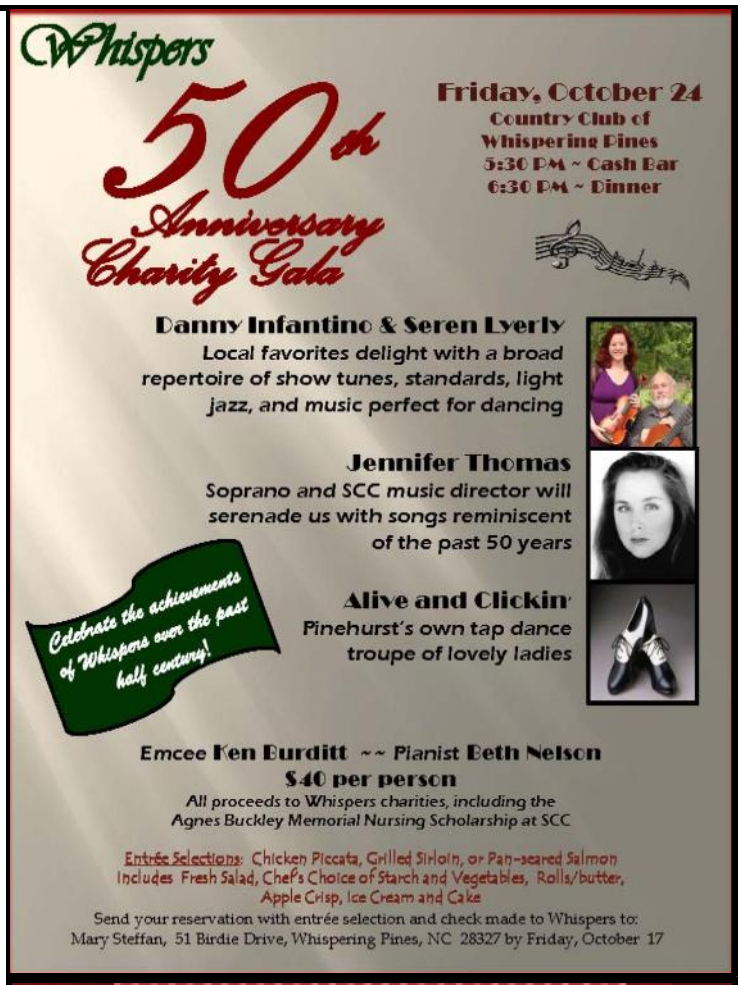
Don't forget to hold the date, Saturday, November 8 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for the Annual Arts and Crafts Show, which will be held at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. This includes a wonderful bake sale.



THE PITCH HOUSING REPORT

(The following table shows the number of home listings, ending and closings in Whispering Pines and the Whispering Pines area as shown in the Pinehurst Southern Pines Area Association or Realtors Multiple Listing Service. It does not include homes for sale by owner. Information provided by Broker Realtor, Tim Venjohn.

Whispering Pines Market Data 2014

Homes for Sale	**60**	**September 15, 2014**
Homes Pending	**12**	**September 15, 2014**
Homes sold	**10**	**21 August thru Sept 15**

2014 Homes sold in Whispering Pines area to date 95

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Whispering Pines Market Data 2013

Homes for Sale	**71**	**August 21, 2013**
Sales Pending	**25**	**August 21, 2013**
Homes Closed	**26**	**21 July thru 21 August**

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By John L. Gerwig, Ph.D.

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Before the white man came to America, the coastal soils from New England to Florida had the greatest and most extensive stands of pine trees in the world. Sadly they have been diminishing for the past 400 years. In the Sandhills area, which stretches from North Carolina to Louisiana, we had 90 million acres of the Longleaf pine, *pinus polustris*, and now we have only 2 million acres left and the acreage is shrinking every day.

90 million acres is about 3 times the size of North Carolina. It is said that a squirrel could travel from Maine to Florida in the tree tops and never touch the ground. The squirrel would have to swim the rivers but that wouldn't count him touching the ground.

Development and construction have greatly contributed to this loss of acreage but the existence of pine beetles have also been a major factor. The three most destructive pine beetles in our region are the southern pine beetle, the black turpentine beetle and the IPS engraver beetle.

Southern Pine Beetle

The southern pine beetle is the most destructive of the eastern species of pine bark beetle. It is a small reddish-brown beetle about 1/8 of an inch long. They attack the mature tree from the base to the crown. The adult bores through the bark and mate. Eggs are laid inside the bark and the grubs hatch from the eggs in 4-9 days. Once southern pine beetles have infested a tree there are no remedial treatments available to prevent the death of the tree. If a tree is infested, the beetles can be heard chewing away.

Black Turpentine Beetle

The black turpentine beetle is not as destructive as the southern pine beetle and treatment by a profession tree expert is required. There are no "homeowner" remedies available.

IPS Beetle

The IPS beetle is equally destructive as the southern pine beetle. Once an infestation occurs the tree cannot be saved.

With an infestation of any of the three beetles removal of the tree is about the only recommendation that makes sense.

Wood peckers do feed on the larvae of the beetles and their activity is a good indication that beetles have infested the tree. If you have any questions about a tree in your yard, call a tree expert. – not me!

Grasses and Legumes

Grasses and legumes are two plant species that have more to do with feeding humans than any other food source. Grasses include cereal grains (corn, wheat, barley, rye, rice and oats). Legumes (soybean, alfalfa, clover and beans) are major staples directly used in our diet or are fed to livestock which we consume as meat.

Legumes have an unusual ability to take nitrogen from the air and turn it into one of our major fertilizer nutrients which must be added to the soil each year in order to obtain high yields. Nitrogen gases make up 79% of the atmosphere by volume but nitrogen gases can only be utilized by legumes.

Nitrogen fixation is a process performed by certain bacteria found in the nodules (a nodule is something like a scab that results when the bacteria injure the root of the legume plant) of leguminous plants which make the resulting nitrogenous compounds available to the plant. When the farmer rotates the crops and plants corn next year where soybeans had been planted this year, the corn gets the benefit of any remaining nitrogen.

MOORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AGING PROGRAMS-OCTOBER

Following are the September programs at the Senior Enrichment Center, 8040 Hwy 15-501 (2 miles north of the Pinehurst traffic circle). Call 215-0900 for information or to reserve a seat.

Foreign Languages:
Italian will begin in October, every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Beginner's French has begun in September and will meet every Monday from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Intermediate French has begun in September and will meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 2nd "**Alive Inside"** – 72:00 Documentary on Music and Memory (3 screenings: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 8th 10 a.m.-11 a.m. – **Medicare 101** Learn the basics of Medicare in this informal presentation.

Tuesday, October 14th 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. – **"Bathroom Safety"** – Malene Blair, Director of Rehabilitation at Westfield Rehabilitation Center in Sanford. "Learn techniques to minimize the risk of falls and injuries within the confinements of a bathroom".

Saturday, October 18th 9 a.m.-10 a.m. – **Get More From Your Smart Phones and IPhones** with Chris Whitten

Tuesday, October 21st 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **– Complimentary Blood Pressure Checks** from nursing staff at Richmond Pines

Tuesday, October 21st 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. – **Social Security Strategies** Learn the many factors to consider when it comes to starting Social Security with Brianna Dillon and Mark Hollingsworth with Raymond James and Associates. Refreshments will be served

Wednesday, October 22nd 2 p.m.-3 p.m. – Rae-Lynn Zigler **"The Gift of Let's Look Together"** Hear how Rae-Lynn was inspired to researching and write, "Let's Look Together" to help her Mother who had Alzheimer's and wound up helping others in the process.

Saturday, October 25th 10 a.m.-12 p.m. – **Piano Concert** – Join Bob Lewis and other seniors as they dazzle us with their Piano Talents

Monday, October 29th 4 p.m.-5 p.m. – Memory Monday Lecture Series "Improve Your Memory With These Tips" with MaryBeth Bailar, Psy.D. Clinical Neuropsychologist

Editorial– Dodging the Issue

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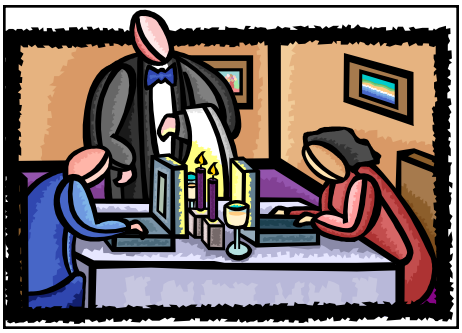
Unlike court decisions, where a change in precedent is very difficult to unwind, and where you cannot put toothpaste back in the tube, mistakes in statutes and ordinances are easily corrected. The most obvious way is to repeal or amend the offending ordinance or statute after the legislative body realizes it was a mistake. Another way to minimize the damage of an offending statute is to restrict its application to a very narrow factual circumstance.

Perhaps we have dwelled too long on this issue, but we feel it backs up a longing in this Country to have our political leaders be honest with us, rather than trying to make us feel good. We show far greater respect for the political leader who looks us in the eye and says "I'm sorry, but I disagree with you and this does not fit with my view of how our Village should look like" than we show for the political leader who says, "I'm sorry, I would like to help you but it would set a precedent". Our response would be, that's nonsense. You can worry about that in the future if the situation ever arises.

Or a more precise rebuttal would be- "tell me exactly what precedent would be set." For example, would allowing bees be the foundation on which allowing chickens would be built. Absolutely not, that doesn't even make sense. Would allowing motorboats on the lake be a precedent for allowing jet skis on the lake. Absolutely not. Council members must recognize that they have the power to say, I don't care that we allow motorboats on the lake. Jet skis are not consistent with my view of our community and I will vote against allowing them. If you don't like my reasoning, vote against me the next time around.

Skip Gebhardt and just being himself Ron Saylor

DINING OUT– *A Guide to Sandhills dining for the non-connoisseur.*
Saturday September 13, 2014, 6:30 pm. 1895 Grille at The Holly Inn. http://www. pinehurst.com/dining/the-1895-grille/



The Grille was practically empty when we (Marsha and Chet Paff and the editors) arrived for our 6:30 reservation so we were seated immediately and drink orders taken. The Dessert Editor was delighted when the waiter volunteered, even though it wasn't on the menu, to make her a glass of decaf ice tea– nice touch.

A bread basket containing several selections (including sweet potato biscuits) was delivered along with softened butter. The bread was excellent. After due consideration, Marsha chose the roasted red pepper soup followed by the black cod as her entrée; Chet chose the Australian half rack of lamb; the Entrée Editor chose the She Crab soup followed by the pecan wood grilled salmon; and the Dessert Editor opted for the Ashley Farms roasted young chicken.

During the day preceding the dinner, the Dessert Editor had scouted the menu on-line and discovered a chocolate soufflé. Needless to say, she spent the remainder of the day preparing a comprehensive plan that would lay out what she should eat and drink to sufficiently conserve her pallet for this exquisite treasure.

While we were waiting, we were served a small hors d'oeuvres with bleu cheese, tomato and other ingredients on flat bread which was delicious. When the time for soup came, sometimes striving for perfect presentation adversely affects the food and the soup course of the meal was a perfect example. When Marsha's and the Entrée Editor's soups arrived, , they looked nothing like soup. Two empty bowls were delivered with a small pile of stuff in the bottom (and we have to admit that Marsha's looked as if it were looking back at her). The waiter then poured the soup into the bowls from a small ceramic teapot like container. The soup was lukewarm. Beautiful presentation of lukewarm soup is not acceptable in fine cuisine dining.

Then followed a fairly lengthy wait for our entrées. We can only presume it had something to do with what we had ordered, probably the rack of lamb, although it was the first time we have seen a boneless rack of lamb as a restaurant entrée. When the entrées finally did arrive, Chet's rack of lamb and the Entrée Editor's salmon were excellent. Marsha's black cod was very good; however, both she and the Dessert Editor, neither of whom are big salt users, thought their meals were too salty. The Dessert Editor's chicken must have been a very young chicken - about the size of a Cornish game hen. It was not to her liking. The braised collards were good; however, again a little too salty for her taste.

The triple chocolate soufflé was a hit with everyone, except the Entrée Editor who isn't big on desserts. The Dessert Editor simply fell into a state of ecstasy that would rival the most powerful hallucinogenic high. Cost for dinner for two, without drinks but with gratuity, was around $90. The gratuity is automatically added to your bill so be aware of that if you go. The Grille is a beautiful room that is full of the history of Pinehurst and has lots of atmosphere. Would we go back? Doubtful, maybe in the winter when they offer two dinners for the price of

Annexation

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The subdivisions currently are subject only to County taxation and may be subject to tax breaks because some of the properties were used for farming. Since development has begun on the tracts, it appears that any favorable farming tax breaks will be lost.

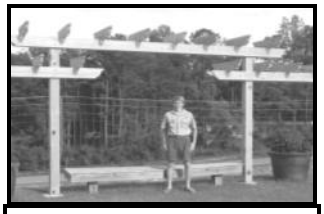
The developers made application for annexation at this early stage because it takes all of the owners of a property to agree to annexation. Since the developers will soon start selling lots, they have taken the annexation steps at this time to avoid the problems of lot owners disagreeing with the application.

Once the property is annexed, it becomes subject to Village taxation and entitled to Village police protection as well as services of road maintenance and garbage collection. The Village does not provide water; that will be provided by the County for Herons Brooke, and by Southern Pines for Summerfield. The water rates charged by Southern Pines are double the rate charged if the user is a resident of the City of Southern Pines.

One issue that has not been fully addressed is whether the Village's ETJ line will be extended from the new Village boundary line created by the annexations. Mayor Bob Zschoche has acknowledged the issue will have to be addressed by the Village Council in the near future. It may be academic however, because an extension of the ETJ line north of Herron's Brook will come near to Vass Carthage Road and Mayor Zschoche said that he personally would have no appetite for taking the ETJ line across Vass Carthage Road. Similarly, Summerfield Phase I borders the Airport to the South, and the North Carolina Superior Court has ruled that the airport itself is not subject to the village's zoning jurisdiction, notwithstanding that the airport is physically located in the Village's ETJ.

VILLAGE of WHISPERING PINES
MANAGER'S REPORT - August 13, 2014

Eagle Scout Project: Ian Cormack, a resident of the Village, has completed his pergola project on Pine Lake Dam part of his Boy Scout Eagle Scout candidacy. The Council will present Ian with a proclamation for his outstanding work, becoming a candidate for his Eagle rank and providing an aesthetic improvement in his community!



Eagle Scout Ian Cormack

Shadow Lake to Pine Lake Pump Station: The pump is fully operational and pumping water from Shadow to Pine Lake. Public Works let the pump run for four hours for a test run and experienced no problems. When the pump is running the noise appears to be no louder than a residential HVAC unit.

Fire Rescue Open House: The Fire Rescue Department will host an Open House on Saturday, October 11th, from 11 am to 2 pm. This event is in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week and will feature demonstrations, food, a possible visit from a local air-care helicopter and other activities focusing on fire safety. The Fire Rescue Department will also be visiting Farm Life School during Fire Prevention Week to discuss fire safety with the staff and students. Kindergarten, first and second grade students will be visiting the Fire Station. The Whispering Pines Volunteer Association is contributing $1,200 for costs associated with this event.

THE PITCH GROWTH REPORT
(Provided by Kyle Taylor, Village Planning Director)

Residential Bldg. Permits Issued

July	**2014**
Village	0
ETJ	0
Year to Date	**2014**
Village	28
ETJ	0
Year-To-Date	**2013**
Village	34
ETJ	6

Police Bulletproof Vest Grant: The Police Department has received notification that they have been granted an award under the 2014 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, funded by the U.S. Justice Department. The amount of the grant is $3,040 which will be used for the purchase of four bulletproof vests.

Volunteer Appreciation: We will have a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Friday, October 10th to recognize the efforts of all our volunteers in the Village. It be at Thagard Lake Pavilion from 4-6 p.m.

Community Building: One of the Village facilities improvements budgeted this fiscal year was to replace the roof on the community building. The roof replacement is complete and the total cost of the project was $7,260, which was under the budgeted amount.

Lake Weed Spraying Schedule: The final lake weed spraying for this year has been completed. The two year weed control program, as recommended by NCSU, has had a significant positive effect on the weed levels in our lakes. We will be continuing this approach in future years.

Local Option Sales Tax Collection: The June distribution of the Local Option Sales Tax, a state shared revenue, was received on August 15th in the amount of $63,163. The Village's average monthly collection of this state shared revenue is $52,000. This increase was due to the increased sales in Moore County during the US Open Golf tournaments.

Sham Rock 'N Roll Race: The race date has been set for Saturday March 14th, 2015. Jill Saunders, race coordinator, has begun preparations and, as usual, will work closely with the Village to make this event a success. The 2014 race featured over 1,100 participants, making it one of the largest races in Moore County. All Moore County Schools will share 100% of the proceeds.

Thunder Bridge Replacement Project: WSP Engineers have completed the design phase of the project. We are now obtaining all right of way permits that are needed before the construction phase can begin. According to NCDOT, the construction bidding process will commence in Spring of 2015.

Administrative Matters:

FY 2013-14 Village Audit: I have received a draft copy of the Village Audit for year ending June 30, 2014 from the Village Auditor. The independent certified public accounting firm of Lloyd B McConnell has given the audit an unqualified ("clean") opinion. I will begin compiling all information needed for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The audit will be sent to the Local Government Commission for approval in October.

Village of Whispering Pines Draft Council Minutes—September 10

General Public Comments:

Colin Webster – 140 South Lakeshore Drive – It is his understanding that the Council has taken the position that the Herrons Brook club house and pool have to be completed prior to obtaining final plat which could delay this project substantially. Mr. Webster acknowledged that this is due in part to his statement made during preliminary plat review to 'build up front.' Mr. Webster stated that he remains committed to building the club house and pool; all the drawings have been submitted for approval. There is a sedimentation basin currently in the location of the proposed club house and pool. The area which feeds that sedimentation basin must be at 85% stabilized before the basin can be filled in and the basin must be filled in prior to beginning construction. It is expected that stabilization will be met sometime next week and construction of the clubhouse will begin immediately after. Mr. Webster stated he plans to submit for final plat approval at the October meeting and he hopes that the fact that the clubhouse is not complete will not hold up that approval. Mr. Webster respectfully asked that Council consider this when final plat is submitted.

Mr. Webster also stated that it is the consensus of neighboring property owners and some public safety officials that it would not be safe to have a completed pool and club house established without residences.

Mayor Zschoche commented that Council's 'position' is driven by the LDO. Mayor Zschoche suggested that a request for a modification to the preliminary plat be submitted to Village Hall.

Presentation: Eagle Candidate Ian Cormack Mayor Zschoche read and presented a Village Proclamation recognizing Ian Cormack for completing his Eagle Scout project, a pergola on Pine Lake Dam, and for the manner in which he completed it. Ian thanked the Village for allowing him to do his project in the Village. Ian offered a special thanks to Mark Nelson for all his help and support during the project.

Public Hearings: 1. The request for voluntary annexation of the Herons Brook subdivision located on Lakeview Drive No public comments provided.

2. The request for voluntary annexation of Phase I of the Summerfield at Arrowstone subdivision located between Hardee Lane and Spearhead Drive

Susan Campbell – 144 Pine Ridge Drive – requested that the Village closely watch the construction activity on the Newbury Ridge side of this development. Much of that land in that area is wet. The Village needs to do as much as possible to protect the head waters that feed Spring Valley Lake.

Mayor Zschoche directed to staff to watch the area closely to ensure compliance.

3. Proposed amendment to Section 10.4.3 of the LDO No public comments provided.

4. Proposed chapter-wide amendments to Chapter 7 of the LDO

No public comments provided.

Report from Village Manager:

A written report was submitted which is now incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes.

The Village Manager stated that the only update to her report is that the Flyrod and Spring Valley plats showing the deeding of small portions of land from CCWP to the Village have been received and recorded.

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo asked if there was an update on the Pine Lake pump. Following a brief discussion regarding the Pine Lake pump, a motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Mayor Zschoche to not spend money on the retrieval / repair of the Pine Lake pump until we see the results of the Shadow to Pine pump. Motion approved. (5-0)

Unfinished Business:

1. Continue consideration of proposed amendments to Chapter 4 of the LDO

Proposed amendments to Chapter 4 were provided for the Council's consideration.

Several revisions were suggested and noted.

Staff will revise the proposed amendments to Chapter 4 to include items discussed tonight and bring back for Council consideration in October.

Continue consideration of calling a public hearing for proposed chapter-wide amendments to Chapter 6 of the LDO which includes proposed amendments to allow beekeeping in residential districts within the Village corporate limits

Proposed amendments to Chapter 6 were provided for Council's consideration in calling a public hearing.

Proposed SR 13 – Bee Keeping was moved to the top for discussion due to the large number of people in attendance.

Councilman Blackwell started discussion by stating he felt paragraphs 7 and 8, regarding fences and fly away barriers, of the proposed amendment were not needed and should be deleted.

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo commented that all the sound bee keeping practices that she has read, recommend having the fly away barrier and the fencing especially in residential areas.

Councilman Blackwell in answer to Mayor Pro Tem Lexo stated that based on discussion with the Bee Keeping experts from the last Council meeting the barriers were not needed if the hives were pointed away from the property line. The barriers are designed to make bees fly up and if they are pointed within the owner's property, barriers are not need.

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Mayor Pro Tem Lexo stated that since last month's discussion, she has had people send her articles regarding bee keeping, good, bad and indifferent, and she has read them all. There is interest on all sides.
Councilman Blackwell referenced NC State law on Bees and Honey Act of 1977 which encourages municipalities to maintain Bee Keeping and provides state oversight with inspections and assistance. The Department of Agriculture, Entomology Department and NC State University, Entomology Department were both contacted for expert advice and experience, both of which are the points of expertise for the state of NC on Bee Keeping and they highly recommended Bee Keeping for the Village of WP. Councilman Osborne read a prepared statement regarding bee keeping, neighbors of those keeping bees, promoting bee keeping and the fact that bees are endangered. His main concern is the neighbors. If approved, he feels this could pit one neighbor against the other.
Councilwoman DeBolt stated that she doesn't see a problem with it. She feels we create problems where they don't exist.
Mayor Zschoche stated that as a child his parents raised bees so he is familiar with the aspects of bee keeping. He supports bee keeping but does not feel it is appropriate for Whispering Pines.
The following Village residents spoke in favor of all bee keeping: Susan Campbell, Whitney Bassett, Bob Kroll, Jay FarFalla, Glenn Berhard, Constance Reed, John Bowman .
A motion was made by Councilman Osborne, second provided by Mayor Zschoche to eliminate the proposed bee keeping amendment from further consideration. Motion approved, (3-2, Blackwell and DeBolt)
A motion to call a public hearing on proposed amendments to Chapter 6 of the LDO for Wednesday, October 8, 2014 was approved. (5-0)

3. Consider a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the inter-local agreement with Moore County to provide E-911 address services

This item was removed from the agenda.

New Business:

1. Consider Budget Ordinance Amendment #5 for FY ending June 30, 2014 to recognize the refinancing of the Public Works Building

A draft amendment was provided for Council's consideration. A motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #5 for FY ending June 30, 2014 was approved. (5-0)

2. Consider Budget Ordinance Amendment #2 for FY ending June 30, 2015 for fire rescue grant

A draft amendment was provided for Council's consideration. A motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #2 for FY ending June 30, 2015 was approved. (5-0)

3. Consider Budget Ordinance Amendment #3 for FY ending June 30, 2015 for Princess Gate entrance wall insurance settlement

A draft amendment was provided for Council's consideration. A motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment #3 for FY ending June 30, 2015 was approved. (5-0)

4. Consider proposed amendment to Chapter D of the Code of Ordinance regarding the sale of food or merchandise from stopped or parked motor vehicles within a public street right-or-way

A draft amendment was provided for Council's consideration. Following a brief discussion it was suggested that the words 'and Village property' be included. A motion to approve the amendment to Chapter D as amended tonight was approved. (4-1, DeBolt)

5. Consider a Resolution formally accepting dedicated open space associated with the Whisper Grove subdivision

A draft Resolution was provided for Council's consideration. A motion to approve the Resolution as submitted was approved. (5-0)

6. Consider amending Table 5.5 of the LDO to clarify 'maximum building under roof'

Mayor Pro Tem Lexo stated that there needs to be clarification and consistency on the wording used for built upon area, impervious surface and building under roof
Council directed staff to draft a proposed amendment to be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Board and then brought to Council for consideration

7. Consider amending Section 3.3.5.5 subsection (5) of the LDO regarding revisions to approved preliminary plats

The current wording of the LDO states that any revisions to an approved preliminary plat must be reviewed and approved through the process set by the LDO.
Council agreed there should be some flexibility to this section. Council requested that staff / village attorney prepare an amendment for consideration.

8. Consider minor modification to the Summerfield at Arrowstone subdivision preliminary plat regarding the entrance median strip

Council was provided with a sketch of the existing and proposed locations for the entrance median.
Bob Kissinger commented that the proposed change is for safety purposes. A motion to approve the requested change to the location of the entrance median was approved. (5-0)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We wish to comment on Don Winslow's article in the last Pitch. We feel that it was very "politically incorrect". It showed a lack of sensitivity. The democrats and gays in WP might very well be offended and rightly so. We are neither, but don't think that any particular group should be bashed. Just wanted to express our feelings. We enjoy reading the Pitch and thank you for the great job that you do.

Bob and Jan Flesca

Don Winslow's attempt at humor in his August 2014, "The Curmudgeon Report," in The Pitch, reminds me of the line Molly would say when Fibber McGee told a bad joke, "T'aint funny, McGee!" I like to read The Pitch because it is a good source of local news and events around Whispering Pines. Let's leave political commentary, Obama bashing, and critical remarks about Hispanics, females, gays and lesbians, etc. to other media.

Art Reetz

PERSONALS

Dear Whispers,

We did it! Despite getting off to a late start this season, the Whispering Pines Directory 2014-2015 yielded more than $8,200 for our treasury and future charitable distributions. Many thanks to each of you who volunteered time and effort to make this our biggest fundraiser of the year. Special thanks to:

White pages	Carol Cararra
Canvassers	Peggy Carfi
New residents	Judy Woodward
Neighborhoods	So many of you!!!
Green & Blue pages	Carol Rossi
Advertising	Kathy Boyle, Judy Loughlin, Carol Rossi, Carol Saylor, Kathy Schroedter, Joan Terzigni
Consultants	Sallie Daughtrey, Sue Leary, Judy Loughlin

Because of you, Whispers has been able to maintain our long history of producing the Directory, passing along the profits to many beneficiaries in Moore County.

Sincerely,
Peg Carfi and Carol Rossi

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WP Resident Lindley Fleury Brings Home the Gold from the FINA World Masters Swim Championship

FINA is the governing body of swimming worldwide. It is to swimming as the USGA is to golf. The FINA World Masters Champions are second only to the Olympics in importance to swimmers. Unlike the Olympics, the Masters Championships are flighted by age groups, with fastest times being the basis for the gold, silver and top ten place medals. The competition is held every two years at various worldwide venues. The most recent championship was held in Montréal, Canada and hosted over 6,000 contestants from 97 countries.

At the Montreal competition, in the age 55 to 59 flight, Whispering Pines resident Lindley Fleury walked away with three gold medals in the 50, 100 and 200 backstroke events and two other medals, one for placing fifth in the 50 meter butterfly and the other for placing seventh in the 50 yard individual medley. This is not the first time that Lindley has competed and won the three events. Twenty years ago, she accomplished the same feat at the FINA World Championships that were also, by chance, held in Canada.

Lindley has been involved in swimming practically since birth. Her mother Marsey Peterson, a resident of Whispering Pines for the past thirty five years, at one time held the title of Swimming Coach of the Year and was the founder of the local Sandhills Sandshark swim program. She has been associated with the program for the past thirty years.

Lindley competed in high school and was an All American and Big Ten champion at Indiana University. She has won more than 25 nations Masters titles and has been elected to the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

FINA World Masters champion, Lindley Fleury

Lindley says that there were three motivating factors involved in pushing her back into competition. First was the death of her father last December which bought her to focus on something positive. Second was a gap in her schedule when her term as a board member of FirstHealth, The O'Neal School, and the Moore Regional Women's Auxiliary expired. This gave her the time necessary to undertake the grueling practice rounds necessary to perform at high levels in swimming events. The third motivating factor was a desire to lose weight. The combination of the three were sufficient to put her over the top on conditioning.

Lindley is considering competing both in the Pan am Games in Toronto next year and the World Masters Championships in New Zealand in 2017.

Lindley is currently the founder and president of Carolina Physicians Resources, a medical clinic consulting company which has expertise in medical clinic financial reporting and accounting, She also assists small clinics in presenting their financial statements to larger clinics in potential merger settings.

Computer Club of the Sandhills – Monday, October 13, 2014

The Computer Club of the Sandhills will meet October 13, 2014, in the lower level of Whispering Pines Village Hall, 10 Pine Ridge Drive in Whispering Pines. The speaker will be the very popular Jim Anderson, who will be telling us about the latest things happening in PC computing.

Jim Anderson is a former Professor and Coordinator of Web Technologies and Networking Technology at Sandhills Community Collegeations, networking, PC hardware, and operating systems
Now retired, Jim continues to maintain his Internet Resources website (3gooddogs.com, mirrored at jimanderson.org and scc.pinehurst.net) that provides an excellent home page for any web browser.

The Computer Club meets the second Monday of each month, except in July and August, at 4 PM in the lower level of the Whispering Pines Village Hall. Membership is open to computer users with all levels of expertise and visitors are always welcome. For more information, contact Jim Reetz at

We would like to welcome Kathy Beveridge, who is joining us as Events & Membership Director at CCWP & Foxfire.

Kathy is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and moved to North Carolina 8 years ago with her family. She has an extensive background in group sales and event management. Please make sure to stop by and say hi to Kathy when you see her.

We would also like to thank Severine Utiger for all her hard work and dedication over the past year. We wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

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Hi, I'm Amy McBryde with FCIG – First Casualty Insurance Group in Southern Pines and I invite you to call or schedule an appointment with me to learn more of the options you have with regard to the consent to rate form.

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BIRD CHIRPINGS-September 2014 *By Susan Campbell*

It's that time: migration! Daily I have been hearing the calls of Summer Tanagers, Great Crested Flycatchers, Green Herons, Blue Gray Gnatcatchers, and Common Nighthawks as they pass through. I have also spotted a variety of hawks and swallows soaring overhead on their way southward. However most movement of migrant songbirds occurs after dark, they are detectable in daylight if one knows where to look. Wet areas that hold flying insects as well as caterpillars are the best places to visit. Edges between woodlands and fields may also harbor resting birds; where seeds, berries and bugs can easily be found. If you have a water feature (with falls, fountain or dripper), migrants may well stop for a drink or quick bath. Many species are readily drawn to the sound of moving water.

Late nesting American Goldfinches are appearing now at feeders and patches of wildflowers. Adults are leading young around our yard to pick at the abundance of seeds of everything from bee balm, dill and basil to several species of Salvia that I have learned they like and, thus, do not dead head in late summer. Soon these birds will begin to molt into their drab yellowy-brown winter feathers, which camouflage them well against the trees for the next six months. Only their distinctive "potato chip" calls will give them away.

It is now that Bald Eagle and Osprey sightings pick up as wandering birds find our lakes good hunting grounds. You may need to look closely to distinguish one species from the other. Young eagles may show some white in the head or tail but it takes them a full four years to attain adult plumage. Their bills are always very big and heavy looking. Ospreys, by comparison, have a smaller head and bill, dark tail and longer and thinner wings. In flight, Ospreys have strong wing beats and crook their wings slightly as the soar. Eagles, however, have wings that are long and wide such that they spend far more time soaring than in powered flight, using air currents to carry their immense bulk. Betty Hendrix spotted a Bald Eagle on the West Course recently during a golf outing.

Great Egret. Photo courtesy of Deb Regular.

Not too long ago Jill Ford sent a photo of an odd-looking heron in a tree on Thagard Lake. Turns out it was an immature Yellow-crowned Night heron. This is a species that breeds at rookeries inland in North Carolina, and like other waders, tends to wander once the breeding season draws to a close. Immatures are nondescript brown and white but the adults do, as their name implies, sport a yellow crown as well as black facial markings and a mostly gray body. Furthermore they will feed primarily at night, stalking the shallows for frogs, crayfish and other aquatic critters of all kinds.

Migrant adult male ruby throated Hummingbird. Photo courtesy of Keith Ramos.

Several people have reported Great Egrets as well: mainly here on Spring Valley Lake. These birds are cousins to the more familiar Great Blue Heron which we have here year round. These big white birds have long yellow beaks and long black legs. There is, however, much size variation among individuals. Apparently young that hatch earlier than their siblings grow larger as they are fed more by their parents during a critical period of their first few days in the nest. Some can be bigger than a Great Blue where as I have also seen individuals that are scarcely taller than a Green Heron (our smallest local breeding heron). I found a good-sized bird close by along the edge of Blue Lake a few weeks ago. These birds too will move east and then perhaps southward for the winter. They will aggregate in areas holding lots of small fish and the like in warmer coastal habitats of the Southeast.

The Curmudgeon Report

By Don Winslow

We are coming up to election time and you know what that means. Our evening meals will be interrupted by telephone calls from the likes of Clay Aitken, Kaye Hagan and maybe even the Prez or his Veep.

As voting day comes closer, the calls will increase, even if you have a nuisance call ban placed on your telephone. But political parties, somehow, seem immune to the restriction.

They ought to realize that the calls are a worthless waste of time but they don't, so they keep the ads coming regardless. I have yet to meet anyone (and I am sure that is the case with you) who decided who to vote for because of a phone call. So a word of advice to all candidates: stay out of the 910 area code and gather those votes elsewhere.

As for the message being passed along, there is much room for improvement. Kay Hagan runs a TV ad or relates a phone message telling you how Thom Tillis gives the rich a tax cut, hates women and their problems, and uses his influence to help his big business buddies. Meanwhile, Tillis retaliates with messages of negatives about Hagan and her cozying up to the President and his liberal ideas.

I am still waiting for the day when a candidate solicits support by telling folks what he or she WILL do, rather than what their opponent's failings are. Give me that kind of campaign and you're likely to get my vote and the vote of thousands of others.

And wouldn't it be nice if candidates told the truth and their campaigns took the high road rather than driving through the mud. One of the Senate candidates touts the 7 percent pay raise he got for teachers in the state. The other pol insists that figure is wrong and the salary hike was just .4 percent. Clearly someone is not telling it like it is.

Just a little over a month to go before the airwaves quiet down and the phone stops ringing. I can't wait. In the meantime the calls, the ads, the misquotes raise the ruckles and get a 7 on the blood boiling scale.

History of Whispering Pines –September

(Courtesy of Bob Zschoche)

September 1979

-The Moore County Fire Marshall briefed Village residents on changes to the Fire Department support structure. All 16 fire departments in the county had been receiving equipment as needed and a small annual payment. Effective Jan 1980, the payment amount will increase and no equipment will be provided. This change resulted in the Village assuming a larger role in the financing and operation of the Fire Department.

-The Police Department added a part time officer to the current 2 full time officers.

-At the Village Council meeting, a delegation of residents announced their objection to the sale of time share units for the Villas being conducted within the Country Club. This was a zoning violation and was stopped.

-The filing period for the November election of Village Council members is announced. At this time, the Village conducts its own elections.

-64,000 pounds of rye grass seed is being used to overseed the East and West golf courses.

-The Whispering Pines Golf Pro, Stuart Taylor, was a player at the Hall of Fame Tournament, also known as the Colgate Hall of Fame Golf Classic.

-In a special election, Whispering Pines voters approved a Mixed Drink Referendum to allow the sale of liquor in the Village.

September 1984

-The Spring Valley Dam warning system-a siren-was installed. This is to alert residents if the water level in Spring Valley Lake is too great for the spillway to accommodate the volume of water runoff.

-Newcomers to the Village include Sam & Kathy Stout on Pine Ridge Dr.

-Readers Digest features a picture taken on a Pine Lake dock.

September 1989

-Donna Welly is the Moore County Schools Volunteer of the Year.

September 1994

-The North Carolina State Office of Planning announces Whispering Pines population to be 1,543.

September 1999

-Water skiing on Thagard Lake was prohibited because of the low water level due to a drought.

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The Whispering Pines Garden Club welcomes one of the co-founders of Pinehurst's Healing Garden to the October 7th meeting beginning at 7:30 pm at the Community Building on Ray's Bridge Road. Hear Lynda Acker explain how a love of nature and a desire to share its benefits with others, as well as the personal experience of caring for a loved one in the hospital setting, led her to design the Healing Garden along with co-founder, Cassie Willis. Lynda will take us on a "tour" of the English-style garden, which boasts both traditional elements and whimsical touches. The Healing Garden offers a beautiful setting for those seeking a place for peaceful contemplation.

At the meeting, we will also provide details for the plant exchange planned for the November 4th meeting. Those who attend in November are encouraged to bring healthy seedlings, "volunteers," and seeds to share and exchange with other Garden Club members.
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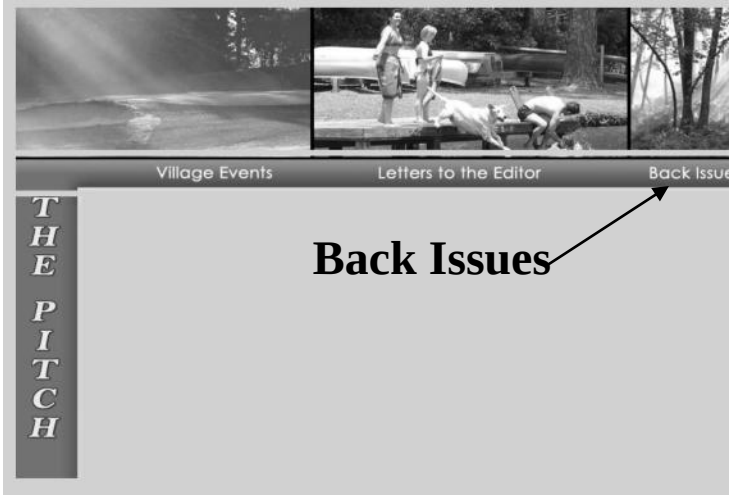

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