

If You See What's Her Name, Say Happy Birthday

I can't tell you her name, but it's that time of year again when my best friend becomes the same age as me.

She's 9 months younger than me and can be certain that I won't reveal her age. She's a very happy wife, loving mother, conscientious business partner and a person who truly loves life and lives every moment of it. I've promised I wouldn't put her name in the paper without her permission, (which I did not get) so I don't guess you'll ever know who she is.

By the way, if you happen to be at Wade Ford on Thursday, March 9, say Happy Birthday to Wade's sister, "what's her name!"

TRAVELERS IN OUR MIDST: June and Sam Houlditch of Quail Hollow Drive recently journeyed to Florida and witnessed record breaking temperatures.

The Houlditch's traveled via car down the west coast of Florida and returned by way of Orlando and some of the east coast.

While in the Naples and Marco Island area, the temperatures reached a high of 88 degrees, setting a new record. On the way home, by way of Orlando, the temperature reached a low of 20 degrees, which also broke a record. (I suppose Sam packed his thermal undies and his bikini!)

Some highlights of their trip included Bush Gardens and the Spaceport at Kennedy Space Center. While at the Space Center they saw the Discovery on its launching pad.

Some of their trip involved visiting friends and one such visit was with some ex-Woodbridge residents, Les and Marge Senet, who now reside in Zellwood.

"We had a great time," said June. "There were lots of bikinis," said Sam.

VISITOR IN THE FREDERICK HOME:

Randy Frederick of Zelenople, Pennsylvania recently visited his parents, Joann and Ralph Frederick of Quail Hollow Drive in Woodbridge. "Randy and his friend Liz Mitchell and her son Cameron, along with Bill Ringhauser and his friend Marsha were visiting for the weekend of February 17, during the time that we had that terrible ice storm," said Joann. Although their plans to spend the weekend fishing fizzled out, they did enjoy a small bon fire on the beach area behind the house. Joann, Liz and Marsha managed a quick trip to Hamrick's Clothing Store between the rain, sleet and snow while little Cameron was back at the house slowly breaking out in chicken pox.



Oak Grove
JUNE BALLARD

Back in Pennsylvania, in Cranberry Township, Randy is an EMT with the Cranberry Ambulance Corp. and Bill is assistant Fire Chief. Both men enjoyed a trip to Shelby to see where the Jaws of Life Rescue Tool is manufactured by Macomson Machine Company, as they have used this tool many times during their volunteer work with the ambulance and fire department.

"Hopefully when they come back for another visit, we will have blue skies, lots of sunshine, the lake water back up to normal and those beautiful sunsets that we all enjoy on Moss Lake," said Joann.

OAK GROVE NEWS:

An update on Florence White: As of last Saturday, Florence had received four treatments, and according to Rush, her husband, she feels a lot better. They don't yet know how long she must stay in Greece but we'll keep you advised. Let's all continue to remember her in our prayers.

DILLING DUCK PIN STATS:

Jo's Jokers 23-12, Ronnie's

Sharpshooters 22-14, Our Guy's 17-19, Sally's Misfits 10-26. This is so embarrassing!

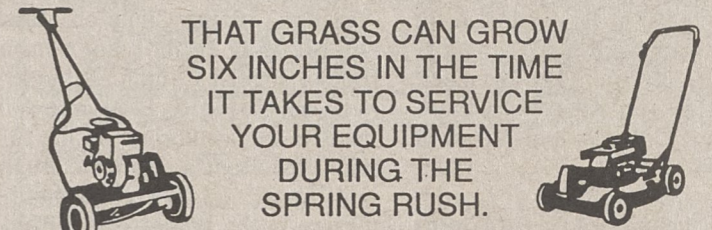
"Lordy, Lordy, Wylie's Two Times Forty," looked back at him from a birthday cake made by Louise Wright and decorated by Marty Blanton. The presentation was made at a surprise party given for Wylie Blanton by his wife, Lizzie last Sunday in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Building. Approximately 100 people attended, including Wylie's three sons and their families, Howard and Lois Blanton from Durham, Harold and Dixie Blanton and their children, Mike and Connie from Kings Mountain and Beamouth and Bea Blanton from Union, S.C. (Howard and Harold are twins.) Lizzie's daughter Judy from Durham along with her two sons, Johnny and Jimmy were present for the festivities also. Lizzie's grandson, Bruce Boyles from Mooresville, attended along with Lizzie's great granddaughter, Nina, and her husband, Marty King, from Shelby. Wylie's grandson, Pete Randall from Shelby, attended along with grandson Mike Blanton and Mike's wife, Janice, from Matthews. Wylie's sister Dot and Dot's husband Fred Weaver were present also.

Wylie received many gifts including a Poloroid camera from Lizzie. According to Lizzie there was a big crowd, good dinner, and a complete surprise to Wylie.

Lizzie's birthday was last Saturday so a lot of celebrating has been going on this week. We don't know how old Lillie is but we do know Bill and Hazel Watterson treated them to dinner at Sims Bar

B Que in Hickory last Saturday. Willard and Melba Boyles treated Wylie and Lizzie to a dinner at Kentucky Fried Chicken last weekend in celebration of their birthdays and last Saturday night, Wylie's sons took them to Kelly's Steak House in Blacksburg, S.C. to celebrate their birthdays. Happy birthday to two real young at heart friends, Wylie and Lizzie Blanton!

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Dixon News By BECKIE STEWART

Lot Of 'Love' At Dixon

Dixon Presbyterian Church had as guest speaker for Sunday worship services Rev. Pressly Love of Gastonia who preached in the absence of Rev. Allan Sinclair who has been ill with flu.

Mrs. Nancy Hughes led the Bible Study and Mrs. Letha Stewart was hostess to Circle 1 Tuesday night at the church.

Dixon Senior Citizens will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the church to go out to eat supper.

The community extends sympathy to Mary Jo Stewart at the death of her aunt, Mrs. Betty Keever, in Taylorsville. Gary and Mary Jo Stewart, Leigh Anne and Dee, were in Taylorsville Sunday for Mrs. Keever's funeral. Mary Jo's

father, Howard Rogers, is now at home from the hospital and recuperating from pneumonia.

Mrs. Dan Wells, a former member of this congregation, died in Mars Hill last week. She was remembered as a very dedicated lady having served as pianist, Sunday School teacher and circle president. At her graveside service Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery her pastor indicated she remained dedicated to Christian service in retirement years at a Mars Hill church.

Senior Airman Kelly Stewart has recently been assigned to the 343rd Maintenance Squadron, Munitision Divison, at David Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona. Airman Stewart was previously

stationed at Eilson AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska for the past three years. During his assignment at Eilson AFB he was awarded several citations including Air Force Maintenance Munitions Technician of the Quarter. He and his wife, Angela, now make thier home in Tucson, Arizona. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Stewart and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Stewart of this community and Mrs. Myrtle Blackburn of Grover.

Mrs. L. H. Stewart visited her sister, Mrs. James Blanton in Boiling Springs Saturday.

Seth Bradley visited his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Bradley in Polkville Monday afternoon.

Grover News

Grover Goes World Wide

By JACKIE ROUNTREE
Martha Fortenberry has found out why they put the grand in grandchild. For Martha and Ed, it's nine-week old Alyssa. Their son

and his wife and Alyssa have been in the Grover area for a few weeks as they change from a Florida marine base to Cherry Point. Ed already has Alyssa a pink bicycle in

readiness. Let the lullaby of Long Branch Road long resound.

Our cricket keeps resounding and he is still unseen. He gets up earlier and sounds off all day. If he be a cricket he has to be a he. She crickets are silent.

Mrs. Fred Cockrell has returned home after an extended stay with her sister, Merle Jones, in Hope Mills. It is said that a friend stick-eth closer than a brother. A friend would have to be mighty adhesive to stick closer than Merle and Boots. Lillie Mae Rollins says she and her sister, Letha, in Winston-Salem had a nice and close and closed-in visit during the recent snow falls. Lillie Mae was in Winston-Salem for both the snow times and that area was more snowed in.

Grover News has flourished in Florida. Lena Goforth spent several days with her son, Cobia, the environmentalist, in West Palm Beach. Jake Montgomery and his granddaughter, Lynn, visited Jake's brother, Billy, in Maderia Beach.

Florida news flourishes in Grover! Ray and Eloise Bradley of Tampa stopped by to visit cousin Margie Field and Ben after having visited in Rock Hill and Greenville. They were on their way to Nashville to visit more relatives. It was news to me to learn that Margie had once made her home with her uncle Bucher McSwain--Eloise's father. It was then she met Ben and subsequently made her home with him here and there and all about.

I saw an extra car in Lucille Davis' driveway and, thinking it was one of her kids visiting, I stopped by to speak. I hit a Jackie jackpot. Lucille's daughter, Sally, and two lovely lady friends had just brought Lucille home from Jacksonville, Fla., where Lucille had been visiting. Lillie Mae Rollins and Gladys Wright had already gotten there to welcome them. She crickets may be silent, but the silence ends there. Let Cleveland Avenue's welcome long resound!

More news to me -- I didn't even know Sally wasn't still living in Gaffney. She's lived in Kentucky and already in Jacksonville for two years since she lived in Gaffney.

Grover news goes global! Kathy Horton Allen and daughters,

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Well, let's see, . . . If I sell my old car, cancel my vacation, put my kids to work, pawn my jewelry and let my mother-in-law move in, I should be able to afford it.

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Volunteer Of Week

Martha Bridges

By JUNE BALLARD

Retirement for Mrs. Martha Bridges by no means meant a time for leisure activities and a non-productive life style. To the contrary, retirement seems to have inspired in her the need to redirect her energies and talents to an even more demanding way of life.

After Martha's retirement from 18 years with the Kings Mountain School System, and husband Glee's retirement from his family-owned hardware business, a short time of travel was in order. This trip took the Bridges to Europe and a tour of russia.

Glee and Martha, residents of Kings Mountain for many years are proud parents of 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Glee Junior (Ed) is an Airline Pilot for American West. His wife is Andrea. Tom, is Personnel Director for White Industries, in Kinston. His wife is Sandra. Tom and Sandra have 3 children - Christopher, Kellie, and Samantha. Lynn Fulton is a former school teacher, now homemaker. Lynne and her husband, Carl, reside in Hendersonville, and have 3 children - Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Catherine.

Glee and Martha are members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church where both are very active. Martha serves on St. Matthews Scholarship Committee, Chairman of the Fellowship Service Committee, on N.C. Synod Board for Christian Education, as well as many other positions. She is currently serving as Chairman of the Kings Mountain Educational Foundation.

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