

LIFESTYLES



Pictured are members of the Kings Mountain High School Class of 1948 who returned for the 65th reunion June 1. Front row, from left, Joyce Jenkins Harris, Maxine Hord Bennett, Geraldine Cobb Huffstetler, Edith "Mell" Goins Newton, Bernice Harrison Cloninger, Elvia Smith Pearson, Chloe Lynn Sparks, Kenneth Pruitt, and Alice Ridenhour Wise; and second row, from left, Coman Falls Jr., Charles Edward Wilson, Oren Fulton, Ralph "Boo" Northcutt, Bobby Charles Bridges, Lester "Jack" Wright, Everett "Bud" Medlin. Not pictured: Mildred Goforth Myers.

KMHS Class of 1948 holds 65th year reunion

The Kings Mountain High School Class of 1948 held its 65th reunion on June 1 in the Mountain View Restaurant banquet room. Oren Fulton welcomed the 15 class members, their spouses and guests, English teacher Alice Ridenhour Wise and mascot Coman Falls Jr.

Ralph "Boo" Northcutt gave the invocation. Mountain View Restaurant served a buffet lunch.

Chloe Lynn Sparks and Maxine Hord Bennett turned on LED tea lights in memory of deceased members Jo Ann Blalock Crawford, Daniel Britt, William Jura Cashion, Joyce Cloninger Haynes, Alda Jean Davis Jackson, James Edward Dover, Colleen Falls Crawford, Gus Robert Gordon, Martha Elizabeth Howard Glass, Kermit Huffstetler, Bob Huffstetler, Fred Atwood McDaniel Jr., James Lawrence Moss,

Blair Moss, Lois Propst Payne, J. D. Rhea, Joseph Lamar Rhyne Jr., Juanita Shytle, Barbara Simmons Harmon, Jean Webb Neill, Iva Jean Williamson, Robert Gerald Wilson, A. V. Wray Yarboro.

Kenneth Pruitt distributed some of his favorite poems for class members to enjoy.

Class members set the 67th reunion for 2015.

Breianna Bridges is one year old

Little Miss Baby Kings Mountain 2012-13 Breianna Lee Bridges, daughter of Brandi Bardwil and Austin Bridges, celebrated her first birthday June 20, 2013 at the home of her grandparents, Albey and Phillis (Reed) Shields, 901 Henry Street, in Kings Mountain.

Breianna's birthday was celebrated in the pink, black and white zebra stripe theme. Balloons, smash cake, cupcakes and streamers were used as decorations designed from her favorite zebra stuffed animal.

Other grandparents are Brian Bardwil, Steve and



BREIANNA BRIDGES

Kim Cody, John Bridges and Janice Cline, all of Shelby. Great-grandmothers are Deloris Bardwil and Faye Dobbins.

Jon Michael Moore National Honor Student

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Jon Michael Moore has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Student Award winner.

He is the son of Jon and Kim Moore and grandson of Raymond and Brenda Couch and Norma Drewery, all of Kings Mountain.

Jon attends Kings Mountain High School. His picture will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook that is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement winners should be recognized and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said



JON MICHAEL MOORE

Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Student Awards provide honor students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability, said Stevens.

YMCA holds Science Camp

(Ed. Note - Judy W. Ford, YMCA Summer Science Camp Counselor, writes about experiences of K-5 children at camp and photographed the groups as they enjoyed varied activities.)

Kings Mountain Family YMCA held its first Summer Science Camps recently for two groups of energized campers ranging from rising Kindergarten to 5th grade children. Campers were invited to attend with lots of enthusiasm to discover the marvels of science in the outdoors.

Campers attending the first week were Jasalyn Cash, Casey Goode, Alexa Jones, Adrian Martin, Ethan Martin, Colin Mates, Ethan Mullis, Katherine Robinson, Anthony Sabette, Thomas Spicer and Will Spicer.

Campers attending the second week were Marlee Arnold, Layson Breakfield, Bennett Davis, Monica Head, Caleigh Hughes, Macayla Jackson, Eli Osborne, Ava Short, Mary Claire Ware, Isabelle Walton, and Camp Counselor Judy Ford.

Each week began with hands-on experiments to enhance the learning adventures for campers, then with explosions of coke and toilet paper while learning about the properties of matter.

Then it was off to the Gateway Trails where young minds gathered to learn more about minerals from Charlie Padgett, who shared his unique knowledge and collection. A hike on the Gateway Trail was a great way to find real cool specimens and enjoy a picnic lunch too.

Afterwards, the campers adventured down to the Martin Marietta Quarry with Ronnie Borum, plant manager, and Dwayne Clark. Traveling through the quarry in a bus, campers got that "Magic School Bus" feeling as they explored the land of



rocks and minerals. With hard hats on, they traveled from the bottom to the top, much like the rocks do. The campers were amazed how small they were, standing beside the heavy equipment used at the quarry. Rock collecting was a rock'n' hit with the campers as well as the delicious pizza too.

Later on in the week the campers got to experience capturing macro-invertebrates in the creek and lake at Crowder's Mountain State Park with the help of Park Ranger Dan and Park Ranger Kelly. The comical screams of laughter and surprised shouts of "What's this?" filled the forest with sounds of eager wet campers. The campers continued acquiring new skills as they canoed on the park lake.

Finally it was time for wildlife in our back yards. The campers soon discovered what scurries, slithers and soars - yes even in their own back yards. Schiele Natural Museum presented a



program for the campers with "live" entertainment. Home Depot of Gastonia came to join in the fun with hammers in hand and made it possible for all of the campers to build their own birdhouses for their own backyard wildlife.

Campers were presented a certificate of accomplishment for Summer Science Camp and were asked what their favorite experience from the week was. It was unanimous "everything."

The campers definitely

had an experience of erupting, rocking, and splashing in the backyard jungle of life at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA's Summer Science Camp.

Science Campers unique quote for the week: "when your experiment doesn't go right, never say 'oops' but always say 'ahh, interesting.'"

Campers echoed the statement by Martin H. Fischer that "the entire world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind."

Cleveland County included in Blue Ridge Music Trails

For generations, the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains have produced rich, traditional mountain music and world-renowned artists such as Earl Scruggs and Don Gibson.

Destination Cleveland County is proud to announce the addition of Cleveland County to the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina: A Guide to Music Sites, Artists, and Traditions of the Mountains and Foothills. Inclusion in the Blue Ridge Music Trails promotes Cleveland County's rich musical heritage through the book as well as the associated website coming later this fall.

According to J.T. Scruggs, Earl Scruggs Center chairperson, "with Cleveland County now included in the music trails, the sharing of the heritage and values through traditions so deeply rooted in the past generations can bring about change and hope for the future through heritage sites such as the Don Gibson Theatre (opened November 2009) and the Earl Scruggs Center which will open by the end of this year." Wayne Martin, Executive Director of the

North Carolina Arts Council said "Shelby and Cleveland County were not included in the 2003 edition of the book, but because of the work by Destination Cleveland County in creating outstanding venues in memory of Don and Earl, Shelby and Cleveland County are featured in the 2013 edition. In fact, we not only included them but made Shelby the hub of one of the six regions."

In October of 2011 author Fred Fussell coordinated a visit with Destination Cleveland County to come to town to learn more about the Earl Scruggs Center and Don Gibson Theatre. He visited at an ideal time for taking in the sights and sounds of Shelby during Cleveland County Art Council's Art of Sound Music Festival. It was during this visit Mr. Fussell was able to gain additional insight into the rich musical heritage of the community.

The Earl Scruggs Center will open late this year and feature engaging, interactive exhibits and programming to give visitors information on the history of the region through the lens of Earl Scruggs.

Two Kings Mountain men appointed to Board of Elections

Wayne King and Doug Sharp, both of Kings Mountain, have been appointed to the Cleveland County Board of Elections by the State Board of Elections.

The third member of the

board is the current secretary, Kathy Livisie.

The two new appointees replace Derrick Haynes and former chairman Steve Wells of Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain restaurants

Facilities inspected by the Cleveland County Health Department June 24-28 included the following Kings

Mountain restaurants: Ingles #147, Shelby Rd., grade 98; Linwood Restaurant, Cleveland Ave., grade 95.