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**GARDEN LIFE**  
**APRIL 2021**

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*Happy Anniversary*

Tom & Joyce Suggs April 3rd

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## A Monkey of a Time

Ed Rand

Friday morning after his escape from The Charlotte Metro Zoo, Sydney, the chimpanzee on the loose, arrived in Mt. Sandy, up in Rowan County.

He was incredibly hungry and no doubt was having some serious misgivings about his adventure when he caught a whiff of Amy Louise Watterson's breakfast sitting on a table on her unscreened back porch.

Amy Louise was in the house, only a few feet away, talking to her sister from Charlotte on the phone. Amy Louise remembered that her late husband, Cleaver, had once said she would rather talk than eat, and here she was proving him right again.

Sydney, seeing his opportunity, swung up on the porch, lapped up a plate of scrambled eggs, bacon, and grits and was on his way just as he heard Amy Louise hang up the phone and head in his direction. He was just making his way across her back yard when Amy Louise returned to the table to find her breakfast gone and a monkey mess all over the porch. She saw Sydney's retreating form and rushed back to the phone to call her next-door neighbor, Margaret Ruff. "I just seen the biggest dawg in the world running across my yard on his back feet!" she exclaimed. "And that bugger done et my breakfast."

Margaret Ruff, the wife of Bill Ruff, commander in chief of the Mt. Sandy Reserves, had read about Sydney in the paper and she knew that it was not a "dawg" that Amy Louise had seen. Margaret called Bill down at the hardware store and told him the story. Bill Ruff, sensing some simian invasion of his home territory, summoned the Reserves into action, loaded his gun and was heard to say as he left the store, "It ain't going to let no gorilla roam around my neighborhood."

The Reserves, a somewhat shabby band of six local guys, bearing various types of weaponry, joined Bill on the road to his place. Hunting a missing chimp sure sounded a lot better than working on Friday morning to all of them.

After Bill had left the hardware store, his boss, Mose Morley, having worked with Bill for some 10 years, knew trouble was on the way. He called his friend Home Goodthrow, the mayor and told him the whole story. Homer realized that with Bill Ruff on the loose as well as Sydney, the town was in danger. He called Sheriff Wilber Fenwick, Mt Sandy's answer to Barney Fife. Wilber assembled his "'deputies," four teenagers with .22s, and took off in pursuit.

Within an hour the woods were crawling with Mt. Sandians, each one more scared than the other. Fortunately, Wilber and Bill recognized each other before any unnecessary gunfire broke out between the two groups. The newly combined unit scoured the woods but never did spot Sydney.

Doc Bassard, the retired dentist from Salisbury, had been down at the hardware store when the first Sidney spotting reports had come in. He loaded his shotgun and went out to see if he could spot the chimp first. It seemed like a good idea to use the old deer-hunting platform down on his land to look around from up high and see if he could see any movement in the area. After a while up there, though, Doc got tired and actually dozed off, sitting on the platform.

He was suddenly awakened by a shaking of the platform and found himself face to face with Sidney, who had climbed the platform because it reminded him of his cage in the zoo. Doc screamed, backed up, dropped his gun, which went off, and fell out of the tree. His alerted the Reserves and he no sooner hit the ground when he found himself looking into the business end of Bill Ruff's rifle. "Put that thing down you oaf," Doc screamed. "I'm no monkey!"

While this was going on, the object of the search, who we assume, had gotten a good monkey laugh over the incident, had swung to another tree and was gone again.

The weekend in Mt. Sandy was exciting. Old Mrs. LaGrew reported a naked little man had been looking in her window and had stolen her dog, Hoover's dinner, leaving the dog in a state shock with all his hair standing on end. Phillip Sedgeman, Mt. Sandy's New York transplant, called the mayor's office to tell them that nothing like this would be allowed in Manhattan. And just after midnight on Saturday, Pete Scrofflong, Mt. Sandy's unofficial drunk, encountered Sydney on his way home. Pete vowed he had seen a leprechaun, and swore off drink for a week.

On Sunday morning, as the congregation gathered in the Mt. Sandy Church of the Redeemer to hear Pastor Wellman hold forth about Satan and his powers, a scream came from the back of the church. "I've seen Satan!" someone yelled. And he's standing in front of the church. He's all hairy and has a tail and an evil grin on his face."

Well, the church cleared out in 35 seconds leaving poor Sydney standing at the door, wondering if there was any food in this place and what all the excitement was about.

Mt. Sandy never saw Sydney again. Where did he go? I am not sure, but I did hear a story about a nearsighted trucker who had not slept in 35 hours and who picked up a little man in a hairy brown suit who refused to say a word to the driver all the way down to Atlanta. When they arrived, he left the truck in a rush without even saying "thanks."



## “A Confession”

Jim Pendleton

We are Jim and Alice, one of the newer additions to the Taylor Glen Family.

You will like Alice. She is a positive person with lots of energy. She will be taking her green thumb out to the Gardens this summer.

Me? Not so much. I came with baggage. To be more accurate, I came with a “bag”—an issue. I will never claim to be a bible scholar but I did look in the Good Book for help with my dilemma. I found that Moses, when he came down from the mountaintop with “ten” pretty good suggestions did not bring any help for my problem. It appears that King David was too busy with Bathsheba to have time to write about my issues. Likewise, the 12 disciples were much too busy feeding the 5,000 to consider my problem. Hopefully I’m not included in the “Seven Deadly Sins” and the “Fruits of the Spirit had more lofty goals.

I would expect that at least one of you to ask the question “What on earth is that poor boys problem?” So, here is my confession. I fidget, yes, fidget. I cannot be still. I must be in motion.

Since starting this article, I have scratched my ankle and rubbed my nose several times. I have killed 14 imaginary fleas in my scalp. And once again, I detect a strange motion in my earwax.

We would all agree that, “love is blind”. Alice was a young bride of three months before she realized what she married. She immediately consulted the State of Pennsylvania divorce laws. She found several pages about married men chasing other women but not one word about husbands who fidget. For 61 years, she has had to bear this burden.

Ah—just a minute—I have a text message on my cell phone. Oh dear, it is a message from the Management of Taylor Glen. (Most of you will remember filling out a multi-page questionnaire before you were let in the door. They wanted to know EVERYTHING about you. My favorite question was “why did you refuse to cooperate with your last tooth extraction?”) Now they want to know why I failed to reveal my dangerous earwax problem. They are talking about kicking me out for my omission.

Tonight at the dinner table, if you see an empty chair, you can assume I got the boot. I feel bad. But my main concern is this. Recalling 61 years of an inconvenient burden, while at the same time enjoying the comforts of Taylor Glen, is there a chance that Alice will choose NOT to come with me?

Woe is me.

# WHAT'S NEW IN MARKETING



## What's New in Marketing for April?

The big news for us in April is our "Food Truck Friday" Event on

**April 30th from 11:00 until 2:00pm.**

We have invited the **Waffle Chick** Food Truck from Statesville to come to Taylor Glen on this day to serve our residents, staff and some invited guests from our local community. This will be a good chance for us to mingle with new folks from around the

Concord area who may be interested in Taylor Glen and what life is like in our community. We will have the Waffle Chick parked out near the portico of our Main

Entrance where we will have tables set up and some games set up. The menu is fabulous, the owner, Elisa Connolly, is a special lady and the reviews on Google are just great! Elisa told me she is going to make something special for us at Taylor Glen that is not listed on the menu, and that is a Red Velvet Waffle with Cream Cheese Icing! Sounds amazing and she says she and her family helpers always remove the calories from their waffles in the cooking process! Whew, I know we are thankful for that!

Jackie Holt will be joining our community on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is moving into a Gardenia Apartment 252 C, and is excited to be coming to Taylor Glen! Jackie is from Charlotte.

Spring has sprung! Trees are budding, the grass is turning green, flowers are blooming and COVID is disappearing!

Continue praying and rejoicing in the Lord for all of His many blessings. He says in 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5: 16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Easter is a blessed way to start off the new month. God has given His son Jesus to us for the divine exchange---all of our sins were imputed to Him at the cross and all of His righteousness has been imputed to us. Believe, and praise Him out loud! "For whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life!"

*Blessings everyone,*

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P.S. We have actually joined the Facebook World so now you can like us on Facebook!

## **Health and Wellness**

### **Feeling Good As You Age**

Want to know how you can maximize your well-being and reduce your risk for depression?

One quarter of people 65 years of age and older suffers from depression. However, depression is not a normal or necessary part of aging. In fact, there are things you can do to lower your risk.

#### **What are some risk factors for depression?**

**Health problems or certain medical conditions**

**Loneliness and isolation**

**Reduced sense of purpose**

**Fear**

**Recent bereavement**

**Certain medications**

80% of people who report symptoms of depression fully recover when they receive the proper treatment. Physical exercise and participation in meaningful hobbies and social activities can greatly reduce one's risk for depression. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can maximize your emotional well-being, and reduce your risk for depression, stop by the Legacy Healthcare Services Therapy Department.

**Come join Karen on April the 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the auditorium.**

# April Outings



Let's visit

## Howard Family Farm

in Harmony, NC to see their beautiful tulip fields!

**On Tuesday, April 6th at 9:00am!**

Admission is \$3 per person, and you can bring some tulips home with you for \$1 a stem!

## Memorial Gardens & Ice Cream



Let's continue to enjoy the beautiful scenery and flowers at Memorial Gardens and get some

Yummy ice cream at S&I!  
on

**April 8th at 1:00pm!**

## Walking on the Greenway

Join us for a nice morning walk on the Hector H. Henry, II Greenway off of Weddington Rd.

near the dog park!

**On Thursday, April 15th we will leave TG at 10:00am!**



## Grocery Shopping

- Tuesday, April 7th @ 11:00- Food Lion
- Wednesday, April 14th @ 11:00 - Walmart
- Wednesday, April 21st @ 11:00-Harris Teeter
- Wednesday, April 28th @ 11:00- Publix



# April Outings



On **Monday, April 19th**  
at **10:30am**

we will be heading to have Brunch at  
**Sunflour Baking Company**  
in Harrisburg!

Below is a list of what you will find...

Breakfast sandwiches, muffins,  
biscuits, panini's, toasted sandwiches,  
scones, muffins, cakes, cookies,  
tiramisu, macarons, pie, and fresh  
bread. They also offer several vegan  
and gluten free options as well!



Let's go shopping at the  
*"Gem of South Charlotte",*

## **Blakeney Shopping Center**



On **Friday, April 23rd**  
at **10:00am**

Some of the stores you will find are...

Bath & Body Works

City Cigar Co.

Cold Stone Creamery

Ever Row

Francesca's

J. Jill

Hazelnuts Creperie

Loft

Talbots

Marshalls/Home Goods

Pandora

Waxhaw Candle Company

Casual Elegance

bluemercury

They are many, many other stores  
and restaurants to choose from!!!

# Special Events



**Thursday, April 1st:** Maundy Thursday/Communion Service with Rev. Rod Kerr

**Friday, April 2nd:** Good Friday/Easter Music w/ Madeline & Molly

**Sunday, April 4th:** Easter Sunday Service at 6:00 with Special Music

## Spring Fling

April 26th—April 30th



### Monday, April 26th

#### Lunch Outing

E NOODLES Asian Bistro at 11:00

We will be eating on the patio enjoying the spring air!

### Tuesday, April 27th

#### Game Day

Corn Hole, Ladder Golf & Bocce Ball

At 3:00

### Wednesday, April 28th

#### Wacky Wednesday

Dress your wackiest, to win a prize!

*Let's get WACKY!!!*

### Thursday, April 29th

#### Ice Cream Day

Come enjoy ice cream sundaes on the patio at 1:00!

### Friday, April 30th

#### Food Truck Friday: Music & Games

11:30 - 1:30

Ethan Uslan will be providing us with some Rag Time/Jazz music!



# THIS AND THAT



## Special Music Programs

### Special Music w/ Deb Oety

Please join us on April 21st at 3:00 to hear Deb play your favorite hymns on the piano!

## Monthly Events

### Blood Pressure Clinic

On Tuesday, April 13th & 27th at 12:30 p.m. Legacy Therapy Department will be hosting a blood pressure clinic in the library.

### Wellness Breakfast

On Wednesday, April 14th at 9:00a.m. we will have our wellness breakfast in the main dining room. Please come enjoy a wonderful breakfast if you exercise regularly. Exercising deserves a special treat. We hope to see you then!

### Book Club

On the last Monday in every month please join the book club for discussion. We will meet this month on

**Monday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m.**

### Hot Topics w/ Norm

Are you ready to laugh? Join Norm and the rest of the group on **Wednesday, April 7th & 21st** for a great time and enjoy some refreshments too.

## Social Lites



Monday, April 12th at 11:00!

Be sure to bring your ideas for the upcoming month!

## Movie Mondays



1:30 in the auditorium  
Snacks will be provided!!!

## HOE Group

(Hooked on Electronics)

Needing help with your phone or tablet, join us on

April 12th & 26th in the library.



**Cheese & "SPIRITS" Social**  
Friday, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd  
& 30th @ 3:00 pm

*Please bring your own beverage.*





# THIS AND THAT

## Creative Opportunities

### Art Class w/ Ellen Loflin!



### HOOKS AND NEEDLES

Thursday Evenings at 6:00

## Games

### Monday



1:00 Poker

### Tuesday



6:30 Mahjong

### Wednesday

2:30 Billiard Battles



2:30

SCRABBLE Scrabble

6:30 Dominos

### Friday

1:30 Kings in The Corner



## Saturday Night BINGO @ 6:30

## Spiritual Events

### The Taylor Glen Singers

Please join us on Monday, April 5th & 19th at 6:30 in the auditorium!

### Sunday Evening Church Services

**@ 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium!**

Chaplain Rod will lead our services on April 4th & April 18th along with special music!

### Men's Coffee w/ Chaplain Rod

Join us on Thursday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m. in the card room.



### Ladies Coffee w/ Chaplain Rod

**April 22nd @ 9:00**

in the CR

Join us for this special time to chat w/Rod!

### Wednesday Bible Study with

**Pastor Scott Davis**

**@ 10:30 in the Auditorium**

# THIS AND THAT

**Bible Study  
Tuesdays w/Rod**

**10:30am & 1:30 p.m.**

April 6th Bible study will be at 1:30 only!

## “Joy Comes in the Mourning”

Are you grieving the death of a loved one, come join us on  
**April 15th @ 3:00 in the billiard room**  
(Sign up in the post office)



All ladies are invited to join in a time of fellowship and devotion

**THURSDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am  
CARD ROOM**

**PROGRAM:  
“A Woman God Can Use -  
How to Choose for God in Your Culture”**



## FREE TECH CLINIC

**HAVE A TECHNOLOGY QUESTION OR PROBLEM?**

FREE 20 MINUTE CONSULTATION WITH A TECHNOLOGY EXPERT

Location: Auditorium  
Date: Saturday, April 24th  
Time: 10am-12pm  
Sign-Up: Post Office

Services May Include:

Virus and Malware Scans, Setup email and apps on iPhones, iPads, iCloud Backups, Help with Online Ordering, Technology and Cyber Security Advice, Password Management





## HOOKS AND NEEDLES REPORT FOR 2020 AND OUTLOOK



The folks in the Hooks and Needles group had a good year in 2020 and are looking forward to a good year in 2021. Let's look at the results of 2020 and plan on another good year.

Total lap robes crocheted and knitted was 142. Of this number 17 went to Taylor Glen residents on comfort care while in Health Care and the rest went to Hospice of Cabarrus County.

A total of 27 Lap Quilts were made and sent to Hospice.

The group meets each Thursday night in the music room to work and catch up on items of interest, get thread and for fellowship. Between meetings individuals work on their "bending thread" as time and interest permits.

The yarn for the crocheted and knitted lap robes is provided by residents who give the club memorials for loved one or friends and/or anyone who wants to support this activity. Anyone making a donation as well as the honoree will receive a thank you notice from Hospice. All donations are appreciated and is the way that the club can continue. The cost of materials amounts to at least ten dollars for each lap robe.

If anyone wishes to make a donation to this effort it will be greatly appreciated and will ensure that supplies will be available. Please give donations to Brejetta who keeps the account and purchases materials.



## GARDENING OUTLOOK AT TAYLOR GLEN FOR 2021

We (Neill Cameron and Brejetta Wilson) are looking forward to 2021 for gardening at Taylor Glen. As of now, the only other person who has indicated an interest is Matt Styers.

Since we have several new residents since last year, I wanted to let them and other residents know what is available for people that would like to garden at Taylor Glen.

There is a total of 30 “plots” that are located below the small pond that has a fountain. These are raised beds and each plot is 5 feet wide and 30 feet long. All plots will be tilled before planting season and the individual is responsible for planting and tending the plantings during the year. Plantings can include any ANNUALS, both vegetables and flowers. A drip irrigation system is available and will be installed if desired and plantings watered as needed. There is a variety of gardening tools in the “Garden House” so each individual doesn’t need to have tools. If you want a space please let one of us know.

OR

Brejetta and I will plant all plots not wanted by others and fresh vegetables will be placed in the post office (on the table with the green cover) as they ripen. We price them at below “farmers market” prices and ask that you pay in the jar provided. All goods are available to residents and staff.

# April's Nifty Ninties and beyond!!



## Bill Stewart, 104

During my college years, I ran the bookstore at Elon College where I became known as "Mr. Bookstore". I was drafted into the Army in '41. I had the honor of having coffee with General Patton on several occasions at Fort Bragg. I have never smoked or drank, but I do enjoy my Dr. Pepper daily! I always try to be nice to others as well. I enjoy watching baseball, and as a child I met Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig! I attribute my longevity to clean living and hard work!

## Sue Ruehlen, 99



Being happy, having my family, children, grandchildren and my great grandchildren keep me young! They have all made my life fulfilled! I have always been active, I walk every morning and exercise regular. Keep smiling and stay happy for your best life!



## Jeanne Harrell, 97

Growing up having a mother and father who enjoyed gardening and cooking helped to develop my love for vegetables at a young age. Also, living in a small town we always played outside until our moms would make us come in. We loved to play games, climb trees, run in the fields, etc. We always stayed active and in college we danced a lot. My husband and I enjoyed an active lifestyle we entertained friends, camped, traveled and more.

Becoming a mom to 4 boys helped me stay active as well. While the boys were in school I played tennis and stayed active. I never smoked. With the four boys and my husband we always camped, traveled and did boys stuff. Later we bought a lake house and that kept us busy. My husband always had a garden at our lake house and our Concord house. Having fresh vegetables was a plus in trying to eat a healthy.

Staying active, eating healthy, exercising, not smoking has helped me to stay young at 97 years old. We also made sure that we went to church to learn life's many lessons and how to live your best life. At Taylor Glen I enjoy being active still. I exercise every morning and since being at Taylor Glen I have learned to swim and paint. I am excited for my art class to start next week. Stay active, exercise, try something new, etc. will help you be in the nifty ninety club.

## Al Johnson, 92

I start each morning with few exercises in my apartment, to help me stay in shape, I like to sleep 10 -12 hours each night. I also enjoy watching the business news and do my investing ! I like to enjoy a glass of red or white wine or ½ of brew everyday with my wife. I have been married for a wonderful 30 years, his second wife, Carole. We have had a great life together.



Enjoy life and relax and you will live a long life too!!!!!!!

## Dick Crom, 91



Being part of the department of agriculture for 35 years and being raised on a farm in Swanton, Nebraska are just a few factors that have helped me reach 91 years old. I also married a great girl from Lincoln, Nebraska which we have had a happy life together and we look forward to many more years. I have always been active and have enjoyed walking. I used to walk every morning until I was bothered with back problems. Stay active and keep living the best life and you will be in 90's before you know it.

# Captured Moments

