

THE BRANCHLANDS TIMES



Mary Jane Holden was born at home in Vance County, North Carolina, welcomed by two older brothers. After graduating from Henderson High School she earned her R.N. degree at the Raleigh Hospital School of Nursing.

During WWII she joined the Army and learned to play bridge on a troopship traveling to Europe. The ninety pound nurse also learned to carry a heavy pack and sleep on a canvas cot while she served in England, France, and an evacuation hospital in Germany.

While she was away on duty, her friend Dorothy set her up on a blind date with a soldier who wanted "a short, cute, blonde, blue-eyed girl". Imagine her surprise when she received a phone call from Harold Holden to say that "I have a date with you on Wednesday"!

After the war, Harold and Jane were still dating; he took her to midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and proposed to her that night. She called her mother, who asked "Do you love him?" Jane answered "I do, Mama", and plans began. They would be married in Germany, with her mother sending a wedding dress and one for the bridesmaid.

Jane returned two weeks earlier than Harold, and went to visit his parents in Bronxville, NY. His father met her at the train, wearing a bright yellow sweater so she would recognize him! She stayed with them until Harold returned, and together they visited her parents.

Harold wanted to learn the paper business from the bottom up, which entailed many moves in the early years, and all that time Jane worked as a nurse, even after the arrival of their children- Harold, Brant, and Susie.

For more than ten years she worked two jobs, a 3-11 shift at the hospital and mornings at a preschool. With the children grown, she was with Susie for the birth of the first grandchild when Harold had a massive heart attack. After he recovered, they took early retirement and enjoyed many years of tennis and golf. She was alone by the time their son Brant and Susie's husband died, four weeks apart. Jane sold her house in Richmond and moved to Branchlands, where she is very happy with "100 wonderful friends", taking exercise classes, playing Bingo, Bridge, Poker, and Pokeno.

She is now the proud grandmother of Karen, Ashley, Devon, Jesse, Kelly, and Brant, as well as great-grandmother of Henley and Adam.

By Mary Rodriguez

God's Love

By Betty Kollar

The night is dark; the rain has gone,
And rays of moonlight peeping,
Lighten shadows in my path
To tell me God's not sleeping.

I think of loneliness, and love,
Lost sometimes when we're old.
Can magic turn our lives around?
Will wondrous dreams unfold?

Then, midnight breezes, gently blowing,
Fill my heart with pleasure
And foolish thoughts just melt away;
I know there's much to treasure.

I somehow think I'm dreaming...
God's presence seems so near.
His softly whispered words
Assure me not to fear.

Like magic He has healed my heart,
I feel his wondrous touch.
I am no longer lost, alone,
God loves me far too much.

Growing Pains

By Jean Baker

Paternal Grandfather has a wheat farm
Fifty-two acres and a big barn, three horses and a cat,
A beautiful collie named "Lassie" which he kept tied up
She barked a lot and drove my mother Z-A-N-E-Y!

There was an orchard of apples galore
To me forbidden, as they were unripe and sour
Which the children beyond the fence liked to devour
But we had pies and sauce galore
To say nothing of cider, come fall.

My mother, a high school teacher and a Buffalo
Normal School grad
Would not permit me to go to a country school,
She said they were too slow, so I walked ¾ of a mile
Each long way, until I was picked up
By a young bus driver who delivered children
To a school parochial.

At last the "Great Depression" was over
And we moved again
To a city larger, where the school
Was just around the corner.

*Happy Birthday
to...*



A special shout out to our dear friend John Schultz who turns **100** on June 2, 2018.

- Winnie Addison - June 1
- Marie Sokolovic - June 3
- Ethel Kampf - June 7
- Clara Cohrs - June 9
- Pat Adams - June 12
- Betty Kollar - June 13
- Shirley Forde - June 18
- Dee Plunkett - June 21
- Silvia Pellon - June 30



*Let's Give a Warm Welcome
to our New Residents...*

- Gloria and Francis Malboeuf **S-2C**
- Birthe & Joel Myers **S-3E**
- Maria Vincent **H-3K**

Kentucky Derby Happy Hour – May 4, 2018 On the Porch



*A good time was had by all in their fancy derby hats,
enjoying their mint juleps, and trying their luck at picking the derby winner.*

We had 6 out of 25 pick 'Justify'. Great Job!



Richmond Trolley Tour, May 25, 2018

*We had an absolutely beautiful day to see the historic sites of Richmond,
followed by a wonderful lunch at the Olive Garden in Short Pump.*



Comedy Movies 1

Find and circle all of the comedy movies that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional comedy movie.

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 T N L E S R E K C I L S Y T I C R L
 A O E P O B L R U A E C H B U D E A
 R I T O T H E Y O M T O L B A T P H
 L T C M W R G I F M L B E E I B E E
 L C H A I B A O N I L L A U R G E I
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ALL OF ME
 ANNIE HALL
 BABE
 BEING THERE
 BIG
 BOB ROBERTS
 BULL DURHAM
 CARS
 CAT BALLOU
 CITY SLICKERS
 CLERKS
 CLUELESS
 DUCK SOUP
 ELECTION

FLETCH
 GHOSTBUSTERS
 HAPPY GILMORE
 HARVEY
 HOLIDAY
 HOTSHOTS
 LEGALLY BLONDE
 LIAR LIAR
 LOCAL HERO
 MALLRATS
 MANHATTAN
 MEATBALLS
 MOONSTRUCK

OH, GOD!
 PLAZA SUITE
 REPO MAN
 RUSHMORE
 SHREK
 SLACKER
 SLAP SHOT
 SLEEPER
 THE RUTLES
 TOOTSIE
 TRADING PLACES
 UNCLE BUCK
 YES MAN

Construction Tidbits

Linden House is OPEN!

This will be the last update regarding construction. The building is open and residents have begun moving in. We will miss seeing some of our neighbors at activities as they transition to the new building. But remember, it is only a short walk next door to visit.

The parking spots have been reassigned and the bus will once again be able to pick up and drop off riders at the Sargent House door under the green awning. Congratulations and welcome to the staff and residents of Linden House.

Linden House at Branchlands



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Happy Father's Day!

“My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, ‘You’re tearing up the grass.’ ‘We’re not raising grass,’ Dad would reply. ‘We’re raising boys.’” — Harmon Killebrew

“It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping.” — John Sinor

“A father is a guy who has snapshots in his wallet where his money used to be.” — Unknown

“A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.” — Unknown