



Leila's 10th Birthday

As I write this week's column, I am looking at a precious sight. My granddaughter and several of her friends are swimming in our pool. They are laughing and giggling, stopping for snacks and enjoying each other's company. It is Leila Rose's tenth birthday.

No one can prepare you for how much you will love your grandchildren. I remember wondering how in the world you could love someone more than your own child. Grandchildren fill a hole in your heart that you didn't even know was there.

I remember seeing her for the first time ten years ago. She was so tiny and beautiful. She wrapped her hand around my finger and my heart. It is hard to believe that an entire decade has passed since that day. I have grown to love her more and more each day.

Both of her parents are es-

sential workers, so she has been staying with me during the pandemic. Leila would dutifully tell me after a little television, that she had to get started on her schoolwork. I was amazed at the self-discipline she has to do her best. I guess when your grandmother is a teacher and your granddaddy is a headmaster you don't have much choice!

We are so fortunate that Leila Rose is healthy, kind and loving. She is smart, compassionate and we think the most beautiful little girl in the world. We are so fortunate that she lives just down the street and we see her as often as we are able. She is my heart!

I ran across some hilarious grandma stories I wanted to share with you today. They really tickled my "funny bone." To quote Art Linkletter, "Kids really do say the darnedest things!"

*She was in the bathroom,

putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put on lipstick again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper goodbye...

*My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

*A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking all this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

*I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and she was always correct. It

shut off during the summer months when there is no activity.

At the end of the meeting Mary Ann Stevens received a phone call from the county supervisor telling us that the county will start their work on the fixing of a drain ditch for the West School Building. This is part of a grant that the club has in order to do some much needed repairs to help restore the building.

Hostess for our meeting were Kathy Gelston and Carol Black. Thank you ladies the refreshments were very good. Leca Dew led us in our prayer, Kathy Gelston led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was then adjourned by the reading of the Collect.

WEST REPORT

by West Civic Club

The West Civic Club was finally able to get together with our members and hold their first meeting in a couple of months. It was great seeing everyone again.

Leca Dew and Carol Black reported on the results of our fund raising instead of being able to have the annual West School Reunion. There were several responding with donations and letters wishing us well and sorry we could not get together as a group.

Maybe next year.

The members then started discussing what they wanted to do about the Big Black River Festival. We decided to go ahead and start planning it for the SECOND Saturday of September, which is our usual date. As we discussed there are so many ifs and what if's right now but, with some projects you cannot wait to get them organized.

We also discussed having the water to our building

Students named to Chancellor's Honor Roll at University of Mississippi

Press Release
The University of Mississippi recently announced students named to the Spring 2020 Honor Roll lists, including Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Rabria Marie Moore, of Durant; Curtis Delvion Hills, of Lexington; Corryn Alexis Timmerman, of Lexington; Jon'na Bailey, of Pickens; Laura Partain, of Pickens; Anjelica Monique Danyell Redmond, of Pickens;

"Our Chancellor's Honor Roll students set the bar for academic excellence at the

Goodman student named to honors list at University of Miss.

Press Release
Christy Lynn Chambers, of Goodman, MS, was recently named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2020 Honor Roll lists.

Chambers was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for stu-

University of Mississippi, and I congratulate them on their outstanding achievement," said Chancellor Glenn F. Boyce. "Their success is the result of an incredible amount of hard work and dedication and truly showcases their commitment

to the pursuit of academic and personal greatness."

dents who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

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was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself."

*When my grandson and I entered our home late one summer evening, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, he whispered, "It's no use Grandma. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

*A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es.'"

*A 6-year old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

*My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he

replied.
Hope you enjoy today's recipes as much as my family did this week. Stay safe and thanks for reading.

WICKED AWESOME CHICKEN

1 cup Italian dressing
¼ cup Dale's seasoning
¼ cup hot sauce
¼ cup BBQ sauce
4-6 boneless chicken breasts
Mix first 4 ingredients and pour over chicken to marinate for at least 2 hours, or overnight. Remove chicken and discard marinade. Grill until chicken is done and not pink on the inside.

BBQ MEATBALLS

2 lbs. frozen meatballs (1/2 oz. balls)
1 ½ cup brown sugar
½ cup hot sauce
2 Tbsp. melted butter
2 Tbsp. water
Mix brown sugar, hot sauce, melted butter, and water. Place meatballs in an oblong Pyrex dish and pour sauce over. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes- 1 hour.

MARINATED GRILLED VEGETABLES

1 (6 oz.) zucchini, sliced into rounds
1 (6 oz.) yellow squash, sliced into rounds
½ yellow bell pepper, cut into strips
½ green bell pepper, cut into strips

½ red onion, cut into strips
1 (8 oz.) pkg. white button mushrooms, cleaned
1 cup cherry tomatoes
½ cup olive oil
½ cup soy sauce
½ cup lemon juice
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. pepper

Place vegetables in a large Ziploc bag. Whisk together the remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables; seal bag. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Remove vegetables from marinade; discard marinade. Place vegetables in a large grill basket and cook for 15-20 minutes, or until tender.

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