

Almost normal birthday

Every year on my birthday, as far back as I can remember, my children have gathered to celebrate and eat a birthday meal with me and then sometimes before or after, my husband takes me out to eat at my favorite place. As we all know things are entirely different this year. We were on the Mississippi gulf coast this year and only a few of my children were with me. We celebrated but differently. There was no going out on my birthday to eat at a favorite place, no big party with all twenty-one of us there, and nothing in the ordinary.

Three of my grandsons and one that I have adopted over the past few years were there to party with me and only two of my children. Eli, one of my youngest, tried his best, and succeeded in making the day as “normal” as could be. He decorated a chocolate cake and went, with his mask on, and bought me gifts that he knew I would like. I got a lighthouse because I love Biloxi’s lighthouse, some shells, a cup, a starfish, and my forever flower bouquet that has taken a permanent

space on my kitchen cabinet. They sang to me and I did have a grand time but still missed the other fifteen.

They even carried me fishing, (really more than I would ever go), and I sat in the shade and watched as they pulled fish after fish out of the dark blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico and threw them back to be caught another day. One of them even caught a blue crab on his shrimp baited hook.



Peggy’s Take

We did eat some delicious food from some of the most popular restaurants on the gulf coast, shrimp, lobster, red fish, flounder, oysters, and tuna. Of course, all the meals were shared around our dining room table at the house after we picked up curbside. You know there is a big difference in eating in and eating out. In they clean up after, out you clean up after. This is my most problem part of the scenario.

I am anticipating next year already, and I WILL have all my ‘peeps’ gathered around me for my birthday!

We had some excellent shrimp scampi and here is my version of this delicious meal.

IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON

BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Sunday evening, May 10, I called Deborah Wright and her sister-in-law, Peggy Wright, happened to be up here. Her daughter Rita was up here too. I was glad to talk to Peggy. I heard she and her daughter have moved from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Jackson, Mississippi. Years ago, Deborah, Peggy and I were all married in the Wright family. Our husbands are deceased.

On Mother’s Day, all of Goldia Landfair’s children came to visit her. They spent the day and one of them

SHRIMP SCAMPI

½ cup of cubed butter
 4 minced cloves of garlic
 1 medium chopped onion
 1 ½ pounds of peeled and deveined shrimp (I just usually use frozen shrimp unless I am on the coast)
 1 T. fresh lemon juice
 2 t. lemon zest
 1 cup of chicken broth
 1 package of cooked thin spaghetti

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat and add garlic, and onion and cook for about two minutes. Add shrimp season with salt and pepper. Cook stirring occasionally until pink and cooked through 3-4 minutes. Add chicken broth and stir in lemon juice and lemon zest. Serve over cooked thin spaghetti.

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headed back to Memphis and the other three went back to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. One of her nieces came too. She is going to spend a little time here.

What goes around comes around. Jitney Pharmacy will be moving to Russell’s Gift Building (Russell’s old drugstore) on June 1, 2020. They will deliver your medicine to you at your home for a charge. They will keep the same phone number, 662-834-3378.

This is on the internet: People should display a red bow to show that they are praying for the coronavirus (COVID-19) to die out. Put the bow on your door, mailbox or outside anywhere in can be seen.

Holmes Countians, please wear your masks. The city of Lexington held a free drive-through mask give-away at the Multi-Purpose Complex last Saturday, May 23. The Mississippi State Department of Health supplied them. So, let’s wear them. It’s better to be safe than sorry. Think wisely. Cemeteries don’t give out masks, but they take in dead bodies. Then too, when you do not wear a mask, you not only harm yourself; you also harm the people you are around. Our mayor and others work very hard to get help for our town. Let’s show them we appreciate what they do.

Third Sunday morning I got a surprise phone call. It was from my granddaughter



May 28 - Emily Murphree, Katherine Riley, Johnny Donelson, Matthew Watson, Walker Wentworth

May 29 - Clifton Atkinson, Weston Killebrew

May 30 - Terry Wynne,

Lakambia Wilson. I don’t know her last name; now that she’s married. However, I was glad to hear from her. She was at her mother’s house. Her mother is Ter-nishia March of Tchula.

Third Sunday weekend, five of Goldia Landfair’s family members came for a visit. They left third Sunday morning. Her niece that was here left with them. She went to Iowa for a few days; then she flew back to Texas.

William Wright was carried to the emergency room at the hospital in Lexington. They kept him in the hospital. Thursday, when I talked to his brother, the doctor was waiting on some test results before they let him out. He is at home now. His brother, Mr. Lee Wright, is doing fine. He’s well enough to help one of my brothers tease me about planting a garden and hoping the deer don’t eat up what I’ve planted. My brother Doug told me to put some plastic grocery bags around the garden. I did. Now Mr. Lee sits on his front porch and looks at the bags. I love to grow tomatoes knowing I can’t eat them. So, Mr. Lee will have to eat my tomatoes.

Chloe Word, Jeanette Davis, April Marrone, Brittany Edwards, Portia Riley, Margaret Roberts

May 31 - Renee Wynne, LaTrice Porter, Lucille Smith, Eryca Edwards, B. Ledbetter, Ruby Moore, June Durff, Mickey Chisolm, William Powell

June 1 - Amber Ratliff King, Gabrielle Lawson

June 2 - Harold Hammett, Trace Harrell, Wyatt Allen Lucas Allen, Samantha Shuler, Adam Hester, Ginger Perry, Jay McBride, Veronique Tooloes

June 3 - Greg Bigbee, Jax Tate, Elma Garnett, David Dillon, Rule Pierce, Linda P. Gercens, Bobby Killebrew, Anissa McGinnis, Courtney Pemberton



May 28 - Joe W. and Carolyn C. Smart

May 29 - Rufus and Belinda Waddell

May 30 - Derek and Elizabeth Walker, Robbie and Reba Robertson

May 31 - Steve and Stephanie Diffey, Virgil and Rossie King

June 1 - Guy and Liz Taylor, Doyle and Louise Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riley, James Edward and Peggy Killebrew, Randy and Linsey Stewart

June 2 - Pablo and Randi Hernandez ST, Luke and Lauren Eaton, Owen and Natalie McLellan, Reid and Anna Sumrall

June 3 - Tanner and Mary Kate Bartlett

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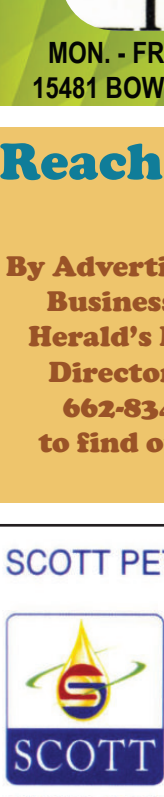
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