

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PEANUT BUTTER SHEET CAKE

2 cups sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup sour cream
2/3 cup peanut butter, creamy or crunchy
1 cup butter
1 cup water
Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl combine the sugar and flour; set aside. In a medium bowl mix the eggs, baking soda, and sour cream. Set aside. In a small saucepan combine the peanut butter, butter, and water. Bring to a boil. Add the boiled mixture to the flour mixture. Stir in the sour cream mixture. Pour into a 13 x 9 baking dish; bake for 25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Spread warm cake with Peanut Butter Frosting.

PEANUT BUTTER FROSTING

1/2 cup butter
2/3 cup peanut butter, creamy or crunchy
6 tablespoons milk
2 and 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
Combine butter, peanut butter, and milk in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla. Stir until thickened and pour over hot cake.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup cold milk
1 box (3.4 ounce) vanilla instant pudding mix
1 cup Cool Whip®, thawed
1 Oreo® pie crust
TOPPING:
1 and 1/2 cups Cool Whip®, thawed
3 squares semi-sweet chocolate
1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter
Beat cream cheese with peanut butter in medium bowl until well blended. Add milk and dry pudding mix; beat 2 minutes. Whisk in 1 cup Cool Whip®; spoon into crust. Refrigerate while preparing topping. Microwave 1 and 1/2 cups Cool Whip® and chocolate on HIGH 1 and 1/2 to 2 minutes or until chocolate is

completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring after each minute. Cool completely. Spread chocolate mixture over pudding layer in crust. Microwave 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter 30 seconds; stir. Drizzle over pie. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

Jennifer were like the ultimate Daddy's Girls when they were growing up. All I know for sure is that Izzy-ka-dizzy-ka-do was either in my lap, hanging onto my pants leg or holding my hand for at least half the time my Texans were here. She spent a little time riding my shoulders with her legs wrapped around my neck but not as much as she might have if I wasn't coping with Mr. Parkinson 24-7.

Izzy's Mom, Dad and big brothers don't do baby talk nor does her Spanish Speaking day care provider. And all 5 of them dote on her. She speaks in complete sentences and she's growing up with two languages. Genny whispered to me, “ask Izzy if she can count to 10. So I did and she immediately did just that---in Spanish.

In the early afternoon before they got ready to hit the road, we all went for a walk. Loretta had us posing here and there for photos as we trooped the three-quarter mile loop of Charlie Brown Road and Old Railroad Grade.

All through the visit I'd been sing-songing “Izzy-ka-dizzy-ka do. She simply don't know what to do.

She can't even tie her little shoe. No strings. She's Izzy-ka-dizzy-ka do.” And I'd come up with some other lines because Izzy was so absolutely delighted to be the subject of a song and she'd demand that I “please sing the Izzy song again.”

So we're walking along the road. Genny holding one of Izzy's hands and me the other one and we're pretty quiet because we knew that in a hour or two the visit would be over but Izzy broke the silence and the melancholy and you could

have heard all of us laughing when she broke into song, exactly the same tune I'd been using.

“Mommy-ka-yummy-ka-mooo”, she sang and our blues simply evaporated like a drop of water hitting a red hot stove.

“I See It”

(Cont. from A2)

Pineville. But through Bible study, prayer and circumstances in my life, I finally realized God was leading me to Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary instead so I withdrew from Clear Creek.

There is one phrase that Brother Stayton used in his “Come” message that has always remained in my mind through this whole process and that is “God will use anyone that is usable. The only ability needed is availability.” After looking back at his notes on our church's website, he ironically even had this phrase highlighted.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul explains that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts that Christians can have to glorify God and enlighten others but that God is the source of them all and He uses them in different ways as He works through His people. Paul later explains in the chapter how the different spiritual gifts make up the Body of Christ just as different human body parts make up the human body.

For months now I have prayed on a daily basis that God will use whatever talents or spiritual gifts He has given me for His honor, glory and will. As Christians, we should all desire to be used by God with the different talents and spiritual gifts He has given us and we should all pray for His direction in how to best serve Him.

Regardless of what spiritual gifts we have been given, as Christians we should be attentive to what spiritual gifts God has given us and how He is directing us to use them. However, to do this effectively we still need to surrender our life to God and make ourselves “available” to be used by God in the best way that He sees fit.

I now fully understand that in order to make myself

usable with the spiritual gifts God has given me, I must first make myself fully available to Him. There is no meeting God in the middle with a compromise or making myself only available to Him part-time.

It's either all or nothing. For me it is ALL and I hope it will always be the same for my fellow Christians as well.

Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

Many years after the plant was introduced, ecologists began to see what was happening and to attempt its long-term control – only to find that this process was almost impossible to achieve. It was first believed that the plant could be killed by fire, but this was not successful. If any portion of a root remained, the kudzu plant simply grew back and again took over anything in its path.

In order to properly manage Kudzu, the plant must be cut as close to the ground as possible and then treated with a systemic herbicide. This process is an effective means of transporting the herbicide into the plant's extensive root system. Even then, if seeds remain in the soil, kudzu will begin its expansion once more.

After initial herbicide treatment, follow-up applications are usually necessary, depending on how long the plant has been growing in the area. Incredibly, it can require up to 10 years of supervision after the initial chemical placement to make certain that the plant is truly eradicated.

Daddy and I never did discuss his introduction of kudzu in Rockcastle County later in his life, so I don't really know how he felt about being a participant in the kudzu project. My brother Al and I often discuss how kudzu originated in the county and how it has created vine-infested habitats. We are not proud of its conquest, but we can't help but think of Daddy whenever we see it growing over the tops of trees or covering old barns and outbuildings.

So I have a personal heritage involved with this exotic Japanese plant and the landscape that it has created over the decades. It seems

that it is here to stay. And now, in some ways, I guess it has become a marker of being in the south, especially in the countryside. To some of us, it has become a

sign of being home.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

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Mon., Sept. 16th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. Tues., Sept. 17th: Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. Wed., Sept. 18th: Wayne Stewart Center, Day Health and Senior Citizens.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, Sept. 19th on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m. Please use back door.

MVFD Portrait Fundraiser

The Mt. Vernon Fire Department is holding a Portrait Fundraiser. anyone participating with a \$20 or more contribution will receive a free 8x10 family portrait. You will be contacted at your residence.

Boys Basketball 5K and 2 Mile Walk

The Rockcastle Boys Basketball 5K and 2 Mile Walk will be held Sat., Sept. 14th, beginning at 8 a.m. at Brodhead Elementary School. Cost is \$15 for pre-registration by Sept. 6th and \$20 day of race. For more information, e-mail scspragens@gmail.com for form or pick up form at Rose's One Stop in Brodhead or Wendy's in Mt. Vernon.

Gibson Picnic Potluck

All Gibson employees and retirees are invited to attend a picnic potluck at the Senior Citizens Building, behind the Folk Center on Jefferson St. in Berea, on Sat., Sept. 28th from 3 to 6 p.m. (clean-up from 6 to 7 p.m.). For questions or more information, call Yvonne Payne at 859-986-8960 or Judy Rose at 859-986-7221.

Attn: RCHS Class of 2013

If you purchased a 2012-13 yearbook, inserts are available to be picked up in the RCHS front office.

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau 2013 Annual Meeting will be held Friday, September 20th at Roundstone Elementary School. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the business meeting will convene at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by His Heart Quartet. All KY Farm Bureau members are invited to attend.

Bittersweet Festival

The Bittersweet Festival has been scheduled for October 4th and 5th. Vendor applications can be picked up at City Hall. There will be a car show held on Thursday, October 13rd.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting

The Mt. Vernon City Council will hold their regular meeting on Monday, September 16th at 7 p.m.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

October 1st thru October 31st is Roadside PRIDE Month



To volunteer, call James Renner,
Rockcastle County PRIDE Coordinator
at 606-256-1902

An Appreciation Dinner for all fall volunteers
will be November 9th at the
Rockcastle County Recycling Center at 12 Noon.

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