

ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Had a family and some friends shower for Allison, and Celia James, Sunday. Yes, Perlina lost out on the honor of being the first family name used by Allison. But, that's okay. She couldn't have picked a better second name. The shower was organized by Allison's nieces, Kayla and Megan, two and three years younger, respectively.

It was fun and enlightening. Most of the family was there, a couple of the men managed to have prior commitments but sons-in-law Jason, official griller for the event, Spencer and Rick Bryant were on hand, along with Allison's husband, Daniel, of course and grandson, Aaron. Aaron and his wife, Lauren are expecting their second child in April -- my second great -- a girl this time.

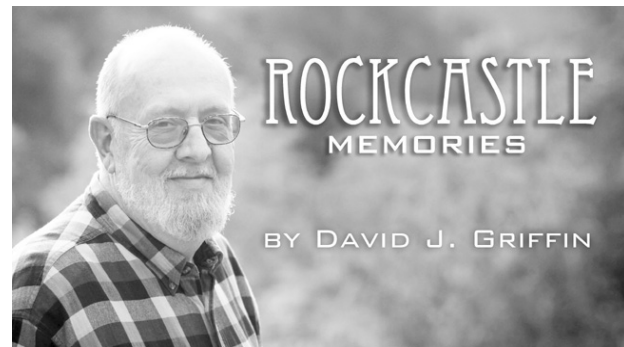
Daughter Sara came up with a delightful idea, from HGTV I understand, for a keepsake for Celia. She had Celia's 10 first cousins spell out Celia James in sign language and had it framed. Now if more grandchildren arrive, I'm not sure what will ensue. It's not everyday that a baby is born with cousins ranging from 28 to 32 but, wow, what a family support system. We spent some time discussing what relation Celia will be to Aaron's son, Avery -- decided second cousins -- very complicated.

I'm so glad that our family has a new addition to look forward to. It's a bright light in an oft times tunnel of darkness. I worry a lot about what kind of world my grandchildren will have to grow up in. I feel badly because I, along with others of my generation, allowed leaders to put this great nation in peril, beginning a long time ago and it just keeps getting worse. By the time Obamacare is fully instituted, I am afraid it will be the straw that breaks the back of our country.

With the present day dependence on the govern-

ment by, it seems, the majority of our citizens, I fear that we will never again be able to restore fiscal or moral sanity. While I realize that you can't legislate morality, you do not have to encourage immorality as this administration tends to do.

I hope I'm wrong and a utopian society where no one has to work, all needs are provided for by the state and no one has to worry about acceptable standards of behavior is a sustainable goal. Somehow, I don't think so.



Lard

My friend Jeffro recently brought me some left-over fried potatoes that he had prepared for dinner the previous evening. Man, were they tasty! I believe they were the best fried taters I have ever sampled. I immediately inquired about how he had prepared them. Jeffro modestly replied, "I just cooked 'em in lard!" His response took me back to being a boy at my mother's table, where she used "rendered pig fat" to prepare most of our meals. It was one of her "secret" ingredients for cooking scrumptious dishes.

I will borrow the definition of lard from Roger Engle, an author from West Virginia: "one hundred percent pure, white, pig fat with no additives or coloring -- that's lard." Like me, Engle was raised on a small farm where each fall's hog killings produced enough lard to last our families for the rest of the year.

I can see my mother (Bee) now as she stood over a large kettle placed on an



The Way I See it

By
Doug Ponder

My grandpa Dell Ponder started having severe chest pains during the morning church service last Sunday and we had to rush him to the emergency room.

Fortunately, it was nothing life-threatening, more of a scare than anything serious. After receiving the proper treatment at the ER, he was sent home and scheduled for a quick ap-

pointment with his cardiologist the following week.

To be safe, grandpa and my Aunt Cindy wanted me to stay all night with him in case he started having more chest pains or any other health emergencies.

In an odd turn of events, my grandpa had no problems and my stay ended up being a blessing in disguise in several different ways as we watched baseball on TV and talked about the "good ole days" for hours until it was time to go to bed.

As I walked upstairs to the guest bedroom, I was overcome with a wide range of emotions as I realized I hadn't been on the second floor of my grandpa's house since I was a little kid in elementary school.

I had visited my grandpa hundreds of times over the years but I guess I never had any reason to go upstairs while I was visiting.

As I roamed around from room to room taking in the moment, memories instantly started flooding my mind of all the great times I had at my grandpa's house when I was a kid.

I was amazed and overjoyed at how nothing had changed. All the same pictures were still hanging on the walls in the hallways, bathrooms and bedrooms. All the same furniture and beds were still in their same spot. The moment I came up those flight of stairs to go to bed, it literally felt like I had walked back in time to a period of my life some 10 to 15 years ago.

During my childhood, when school was out for summer break I would spend the majority of my summers at my Grandpa and Grandma Ponder's house with my cousins J.D. and Joe Rauch.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



So here it is, at this writing, the 21'st day of October and leaves on the woods across the way are still as green as the bushel of bell peppers that Loretta and I picked Saturday afternoon before the frost hit Sunday morning.

I have a feeling though, that they will be brown by the time you read this and that I will be in long Johns from now until next May. I've learned, the hard way, that no matter when I switch from long underwear back to basic boxer briefs, I'm going to have the sneezing sniffles for three days or so. I figure it's easier to sweat through Indian summer and warm spells in early spring than it is to endure a bad cold.

They're pricey but I've found that the two piece stuff that skiers and snowmobilers wear under it all are one of the best inventions in fabrics to come along in the last few decades. They do cost over three times as much as regular old thermal knit but they fit like another layer of skin and they are really light weight. And they don't seem to wear out. I have some I'm still wearing that are at least four years old.

As ole Henry Ford said of the Model T, "they come in whatever color you want as long as it's black". The brand I mostly wear is called Dunlap. At least I think it's spelled that way. I probably have a dozen sets. At least I heard Loretta tell one of the kids the other day, "Do not get him anymore underwear or socks. An Amazon kindle gift card would be perfect". One assumes that Christmas shopping is also underway while certain daughters shop for my grandkids' Halloween costumes.

And yes, they do come styled for both men and women. I get mine at sporting goods stores and, frankly, I do not understand why they are not on the racks in all clothing stores. I can tell you for sure that I gave all my old cotton thermies to Goodwill several years ago. Now if I can only find where my wife has squirreled them away, I'll be in business. I figure my merino wool boot socks are in the same stash.

So there you have. Some sound advice for staying warm this winter.

In the meantime I'd been looking for some fall pho-

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For children 12 and under*

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Lemonade or Kool-Aid

only \$4

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*Children should be accompanied by parents

