

Ramblings with Auntie

by Leona Colbeth



How do you feel about the people living near you? Webster defines these people as neighbors.

Webster also defines neighbor as our fellowman. By now you know that I love my dictionary and went there to see how fellowman is defined. I found that person is a kindred spirit meaning a group of related individuals. Well, in Woodville or any small town around, there are usually many residents who are related in one way or another.

So, neighbor/fellowman/kindred spirit, call it what you wish but thank God for the person who takes time to let you know they care about you and is there in times of need.

Perhaps you find it difficult to deal with one or more of your neighbors but try to see these people as an opportunity.

You say opportunity for what? I say God does not allow things to happen in our lives that will not teach us a lesson of some sort. Perhaps we need to learn that others have "skeletons in their closets" and can give more insight and understanding about a situation we are facing. Maybe we need to learn a lesson in sharing/caring.

The Bible says we need to "love our neighbor as ourselves." Loving yourself is the hardest part of this commandment and I certainly have no earthly idea how it is done but I do know that a compliment, a kind word or a special deed are ways that others make me "come to life."

By being a friend to your

Solum Albrightson. Dave and Elaine are living the "good life" as some would define it.

The Albrightson's have traveled the glorious USA in their fantastic motor home and have become kindred spirits with others who enjoy the same life style.

Thanks Elaine, for taking the time to share with me.

Traveling about the countryside has advantages and disadvantages like everything else. It's not where we reside but how we face each day that makes us the people we desire to be.

Neighborhoods we live in teach us about various lifestyles and cultures and learning as you and I know is so very powerful!

Let's strive to not criticize our neighbor or hold a grudge, instead, let us look at our neighbors as opportunities to fulfill God's special plan for our lives. This opportunity can enhance or destroy what God intended for our good by placing us in our particular corner of His world!"

With Syttende Mai just around the corner, be a good neighbor and get involved!!! "Many hands make light work" my mother always said.

Getting involved may add zest to your life and those around you.

Prepare this recipe on the morning of one of your busy days and enjoy for a couple evening meals or more depending on the size of your household.

neighbor, you can bring joy and sunshine to yourself.

When my husband, Seth, passed away, I was thankful for the folks in Roberts and the surrounding communities who let me know how much they cared. Friends and neighbors prayed for me and my family, called or stopped by to lend a helping hand, brought food and sent their love in so many ways.

When we lost our home due to a house fire the same offerings of care were demonstrated.

Here in Washington, I have not felt that closeness and it is truly a missing ingredient in larger cities. We have lived in this community for more than three years and barely know the neighbor on either side.

Our lives, including yours, are so very busy! Everyone goes his or her way and has a hard time keeping up with their own homes, families and work situations.

Yesterday, I was so delighted to receive a group of letters from former Wooville resident, Elaine

Beer Stew

- 2 Pounds raw stew meat
- 6 Potatoes, cut into eight pieces
- 6 Carrots, cut in chunks
- 3 Onions, quartered
- 6 Stalks celery, cup up
- 2 Cans golden mushroom soup
- 2 Tablespoons white or brown sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt

Your favorite seasonings are optional so add what ever delights your taste buds or try the recipe as is.

Mix all ingredients, uncooked, and place in a dutch oven or roaster pan. Bake for 5 hours at 300 degrees covered. Stir at least once or twice throughout the day. Serve with a crisp green salad and hot rolls. Enjoy!!

Remember:

Love and you shall be loved!!
One of Elaine's favorite quotes!



President Knegeford called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Motion by Lois Davis, seconded by Marion DeJong to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Marion DeJong, seconded by Lois Davis to approve the minutes of the February 9, 1999 regular meeting as presented, motion carried.

I would personally like to thank the residents of

8. Adjournment
reconvene into open session.
closed session. The board may
Respectfully Submitted,
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Clerk Treasurer