



UNION COUNTY HIGH School students, cheerleaders, band members, and football team observed Patriot Day last Friday in observance of the sacrifice made by American during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.



Summer Fades, Grandchildren Teach

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Another summer has come and gone. Well, almost gone, but for the most part after Labor Day weekend and schools are in session, it is pretty much fall.

The fall decorations have been pulled out of storage along with the pumpkins, straw bales and “Happy Fall Y’all” signs. All the decorating is finished in time for the annual Morganfield Corn Festival.

Just about everyone’s fall spirit is showing. Everyone except me that is. I like the fall weather, I like the fall decorations, and I like the fall smells. I also like opening the doors and letting the cooler breezes come through the screen door and through the open window on the opposite side of the house. It really lets the fresh air flow through the house.

My problem with fall is I can’t enjoy it.

If only I could just live in the moment. While the cool breezes are coming through my front door, I sit there thinking about the harsher cold winds of Old Man Winter which are not far behind.

Summer is my favorite season. We are such good friends. Even as a child I loved my barefoot summers, picnics in the back yard, watermelon seed fights, and neighborhood pickup baseball games in the empty lot.

As an adult my summers are just as fun. I love sandals and flip flops, bare feet when I’m washing the car or watering flowers on the patio, the blue sky and fluffy white clouds, the smell of freshly mowed grass, and lilac bushes

bursting with the perfume of all the blooms, and gentle summer rains.

Now my best season is fading fast and fall weather is not going to wait.

When you think of time as happenings and not days it really becomes depressing. I think to myself: the Corn Festival is here, then there will be Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The holidays are followed by January and February which are so cold, dark, and drab. I can’t go another day.

I look forward to March. March will start things brightening up. The first birthday celebration of the year in my family is in March as well as our anniversary. It is time to celebrate and to look forward to the return of summer.

Our granddaughter has a birthday in January, but we celebrate that in December with all the December birthdays. January is not a month to have celebrations.

For the moment I will try to enjoy some of the fall weather as my summer fades. I will try to celebrate the season day by day and not by happenings. I promise I will try to enjoy the next 100 days till Christmas without getting stressed.

Fall does have one other advantage though. Every fall has Grandparents’ Day.

I’m a veteran at being a grandparent and my grandchildren, are without a doubt, the smartest, cutest, most precious, witty creatures who ever walked the face of this earth. They have taught me the art of being a grandparent.

It doesn’t seem like I have been a grandparent for very long, but it has been 30 years now. From the 11 grown grandchildren, and now three great-grandchildren ages two years, 3 months, and 6 weeks old, I have learned many lessons.

Grandchildren have added so much to what my children taught me.

My children showed me patience is hard to come by. Grandchildren taught me that patience is something to let go and enjoy.

My children showed me discipline was an everyday effort. Grandchildren taught me life can be more fun without being a disciplinarian.

My children showed me why I wanted clean bedrooms, clean clothes in the drawers, dirty clothes in the hamper, and everything else in their place.

Grandchildren taught me sometimes perfect

isn’t perfect. Weekends at Mackey’s and Granddaddy’s can result in messy bedrooms, dirty and clean clothes mixed, and mealtimes don’t have to be meat and vegetables, with a healthy drink. Sometimes popcorn, chocolate chip cookies, and sweet tea are great picnics on the living room floor.

Most of all, my grandchildren taught me to relax, laugh and not be so serious. Life is fleeting.

That is why there is Grandparents Day. A time to celebrate the love between the elderly and the young, a time to appreciate living day-to-day, and know that with each changing season real life happens and it is to be enjoyed.

Goodbye summer, hello fall, and winter bring it on, because I know spring is just over a couple of hills and around a few curves, and summer beckons.

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