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Store hours:
Mon-Fri 10:00am-3:00pm

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**COOKED LEFTOVERS**
Leftovers are safe for 3 to 4 days in the refrigerator.

**TEMPERATURE**
An appliance thermometer lets you know your fridge is set to 40 °F or below.

**RAW MEAT**
Prevent juices from leaking by storing on a wrapped plate or in a sealed container.

**DOORS**
Temperature changes frequently—avoid storing perishable foods here.

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**ADDITIONAL TIPS**
Clean refrigerator surfaces with hot, soapy water and diluted bleach solution.

Keep fridge smelling fresh by placing an opened box of baking soda on a shelf.

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CREAMED CORN

2 lbs frozen corn
8 oz creamed cheese
1/2 stick unsalted butter
1 tbs sugar
Dash of salt & pepper
1 cup heavy cream

Mix in a crockpot: thawed corn, cream cheese that has been heated in the microwave so it blends well (this is important). Melt and mix butter in with corn and cream cheese. Turn crock pot on low to finish. Mix in sugar, salt & pepper. Lastly, stir in heavy cream until completely mixed. Cover and cook 4 hours on low. (high heat will curd).

*Recipe from Women Auxiliary - American Legion Post 157

CREAMED TOMATOES

Whole or diced tomatoes
14.5 oz can - use 2
28 oz can - use 1

Mash tomatoes in pan. Add 1/4 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper, and 3 tsp sugar. Place on stove to heat.

In a bowl, mix 1 1/2 tbs corn starch, 1 1/2 tbs flour. Mix with hot tomato juice from pan. When mixed, add to pan and bring to a slow boil, stirring occasionally. When it thickens, reduce heat and add 1/2 cup of half and half or small can of evaporated milk. Do NOT boil with milk. Let it heat, not boil. Serve hot.

*From Wilma Williams (Charles’ mother). She made this often with a quart of her canned whole tomatoes from her garden.
Remember when you thought turning 40 meant the end of your life? Well, Dearly Demented Mom hits 90 today and she’s still going strong. She may be wheelchair bound with dementia, but she’s having a grand time with a variety of husbands and children that even I can’t keep up with. I blame it on my menopause, not her mind.

So I decided a big celebration was in order. After all, I threw her a giant party when she turned 80. DDM was the bell of the ball and had a blast.

I called VBF to plan the event.

ME: “Mom’s going to be 90 next week. Any party ideas?”

VBF: “Sure. Get her a male stripper, a bottle of champagne and a new outfit. She’ll be in heaven.”

ME: “Well, the male stripper could cause a heart attack, a glass of champagne could make her fall out of her wheelchair resulting in a head injury and if she saw the size of her new outfit, she’d probably have a stroke. Any other suggestions?”

It’s not so easy to plan a birthday party for a 90 year old. It takes an ambulance to get her anywhere, so the typical local community covered-dish celebration attended by everyone over 60 in town is not an option. And if I invite the whole town to the Dancing Dog Ranch, all I’ll end up with is a town talking about how dirty my windows are.

I called Hill Country Martha for her advice.

ME: “What the heck can I do to celebrate Dearly Demented Mom’s 90th?”

HCM: “Well she can’t hear or remember most people, so how about something simple.”

ME: “How simple?”

HCM: “Why don’t I come over and we’ll try to wheel her out on the front porch so she can see daylight again.”

ME: “Perfect! Then I can give her a hat for her birthday so the sun won’t give her a headache. But we have to do it quickly because DDM doesn’t want to miss a minute of Murder She Wrote reruns.”

This simplistic plan really didn’t set right with me though, as I am Party Thrower Extraordinaire. In the end, I decided to ask Dearly Demented Mom what she’d like to do for her 90th birthday. Boy was that a mistake.

ME: “Mom, do you know what next Thursday is? It’s your birthday!”

DDM: “It’s April 29th!”

ME: “That’s right! And do you know how old you’ll be?”

DDM: “78!”

ME: “No, Mom, you’ll be 90. Can you believe it?”

DDM: “No, I’m 78. If I was 90, I’d be dead.”

I was so befuddled that I just walked away without even asking her what she’d like to do for her birthday. How do you throw a giant 90th bash for a woman who’s convinced she’s only 78?

I’m sure her confusion results from the fact that she’s lied about her age ever since I was born. She told me she was 29 for years and when I finally got old enough to press the issue, DDM proudly announced she was 39. She stuck with that story for years.

When you take care of a loved one with dementia, the first piece of advice you’re given is just to agree with everything they say. So my final plan is to invite all her caregivers over for a nice buffet and celebrate her 78th birthday. What’s so wrong about a girl shaving a few years off her age, anyway?

Happy 78th, Dearly Demented Mom. Obviously you’re as young as you feel and frankly, you’re aged to perfection.
Three mice died and went to heaven. It was so big that they were tired out from trying to cover it all. One day God asked them if they liked heaven.

“Oh yes. But it’s so big we just stay worn out from running all day.”

“Well I can fix that problem for you.” He gave them two pairs of roller skates. They were so happy.

Sometime later a big Tomcat came to heaven.

When God asked him how he liked heaven, he relied, “This is the best places ever. And I especially Meals On Wheels.”

What is the Frog’s favourite music? Hip-Hop

What does an alligator drink after chasing prey all day? Gatorade

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1 gallon yellow squash chopped
3 onions chopped
3 bell peppers chopped
6 cucumbers chopped
3 garlic cloves chopped

Soak in pan with salt over them. Wash the salt out after 1 hour. Put plate on them.

1 tablespoon salt
Mix 5 cups sugar
3 cups vinegar
3 tablespoons mustard seed
2 tablespoons celery seed
1 1/2 tablespoons tumeric

Sterilize the jars and lids in boiling water for at least 5 minutes. Pack the squash relish into the hot, sterilized jars, filling the jars to within 1/4 inch of the top. Run a knife or a thin spatula around the insides of the jars after they have been filled to remove any air bubbles. Wipe the rims of the jars with a moist paper towel to remove any food residue. Top with lids, and screw on rings.

Place a rack in the bottom of a large stockpot and fill halfway with water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then carefully lower the jars into the pot using a holder. Leave a 2-inch space between the jars. Pour in more boiling water if necessary until the water level is at least 1 inch above the tops of the jars. Bring the water to a full boil, cover the pot, and process for 10 minutes, or the time recommended for your area. Remove the jars from the pot, and place onto a cloth-covered or wood surface, several inches apart, until cool. Once cool, press the top of each lid with a finger, ensuring that the seal is tight (lid does not move up or down at all). Store in the refrigerator.

Squash Relish By Amy’s Stepmom
Do you have walkers, wheel chairs, shower chairs, commode chair, canes, etc. that you don’t use/need?

Please consider donating them to the Silver Sage.

Contact:
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Silver Sage April 2020

CLOSED Fri., April 10

One of the best ways to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus is through social distancing. Silver Sage is dedicated to maintaining the Meals on Wheels deliveries to seniors in need in Bandera County, so each day volunteers are going out to take meals to these clients. However, the Dining Room at the Center has been closed. This does not mean that people can no longer get a nutritious meal. If any Bandera County resident 55 or older wishes to get a lunch, they should call (830) 796-4969 to make a “reservation”. Between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM Monday thru Friday, they can drive up to the Center and someone will bring their meal to them. Please do not get out of your car!

Any Bandera County resident age 55 or older or any resident that has lost their job permanently or temporarily may call (830) 796-4969 and drive through to pick up a bag of essential groceries. Anyone wishing to donate to the food pantry may pull up to the front door and honk. Someone will come out and get them. Items needed include bread, peanut butter & jelly, canned meats (Spam, chili, tuna, etc.), breakfast cereal, oatmeal, sandwich meats, and anything you want to bring.

The Silver Sage Thrift Store is currently closed and is not accepting donations at this time.

Thank you for your support, wash your hands, and stay safe!!

EASTER SCRAMBLE

Happy Easter!

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It is for senior citizens (You must be 60 years old or older), and the Project HOPE provides 50-60 pounds of food each month to you. If you would like to enroll or to enroll a senior citizen that you know. Please contact Lucy Reed at 713-301-2571 (the Project H.O.P.E. coordinator) or Teicher Whelchel at 830-486-4358 (the treasurer of the Utopia Food Pantry) to enroll.
Answers to Word Scramble: bunny, lamb, family, sunday, cottontail, treats, painting, daffodils, tulips, spring,

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I can't wait for the day when we can hug hello again!

Dennis Allyn 3-31-20
We’ve all been affected, if hopefully not infected by Covid-19. It’s been quite a ride, from the craziest toilet paper shortages since the one Johnny Carson inadvertently created with an off-hand remark in his comic monologue in 1973, to parents discovering the formerly unappreciated role of substitute teachers.

First we were all incredulous that in the advanced era in which we live, a “bug” could bring civilization to a near halt. Gradually, most of us accepted that it could and it did. The few holdouts fled to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and whatever other platforms serve as modern day soapboxes to rant their frustration.

And yet, it’s that oft maligned tech world that’s become the glue holding us all together as a community, nation, and world. Watching the news can be overwhelming and visiting friends, colleagues and even family has been cut back with surgical precision. But Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family. It’s full of encouraging, helpful, even funny messages, and it’s oh-so satisfying to scroll past the curmudgeons – or block them!

How about all the wonderful music blessing the Internet, from our outstanding local musicians to the likes of Mary Chapin Carpenter and Neil Diamond, among many others? Most of us have more TV to watch than we could ever absorb. You can keep up to the minute with information or binge watch whatever strikes your fancy.

There’s a lot of creative cooking going on, too. It’s interesting sorting through my cupboards and refrigerator like a contestant opening a basket on Chopped. “You have canned tuna, two over ripe bananas, a jar of capers, sprouting onions and a Payday candy bar - Go!”

Some of us are old enough to remember the polio epidemic of the early ‘50’s when schools and other gatherings were closed, the gas shortages of the ‘70’s when we waited in endless lines for fuel, and I’ll never forget my mother telling me about her food ration books during the Great Depression. We’ve weathered national calamities that limited our choices, our mobility, disrupted our daily lives, and messed with our heads before. We learned patience, reined ourselves in, and got through all of them. We’ll get through this one.

If you’re stuck on the way-too-much-information merry-go-round, think about this. Here in the Hill Country we’re being asked to sit tight in one of the most beautiful places on earth. We’re in a low population density area which makes transmission of the virus less likely than in urban areas. Our stores have worked heroically to make food and other essentials available. Meals On Wheels is still delivering and for drivers, seeing and talking with our clients lifts our spirits with much needed social contact. Hopefully we lift them as well.

Still searching for positives? How about our increased vocabularies. We’ve added “social distancing”, “flattening the curve”, “novel virus”, and we made our mothers proud by finally learning how to wash our hands!

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Looking for a unique way to help the Silver Sage? Why not try a birthday fundraiser on Facebook? When your birthday is approaching, you can set up your fundraiser and donate the proceeds to the Silver Sage. It’s a very simple gesture that is deeply impactful.

Here’s all you need to do:
1. Go to the Search Bar at the top of the page.
2. Type in Birthday Fundraiser.
3. Click on “Create a Birthday Fundraiser.”
4. When you are asked to search for a nonprofit group, type in Bandera County Committee on Aging, Inc DBA Silver Sage.
5. The Birthday Fundraiser Preview will pop up and you can put in what information you’d like about why you are raising money for the Silver Sage. We would appreciate it if you would tell people we are raising money for the Cottages at the Silver Sage, a new development of cottages for active seniors with rent based on income level. Please make sure and explain this fundraiser is for the Silver Sage as most people don’t know Bandera County Committee on Aging.
6. Select the Create Fundraiser button and you are done!
7. Invite people on your friends’ list and engage with them! This is key. Invite, invite, invite! Share often on your timeline: remember that not everyone will see something when you post just once. While some people may be hesitant to invite people on their friends list, remember you’re giving them an opportunity to participate in something bigger than you – helping the seniors of Bandera County.
8. Thank people as they donate and watch the numbers go up! Seriously, these people are donating to Silver Sage because of YOU.

Facebook has made this very easy to do and it’s a great way to support the Silver Sage and our new project, the Cottages at the Silver Sage. Celebrate your day by helping our seniors in need – what could be a better present than that? We appreciate you!
Our Thrift Store is an important resource for helping to fund the Meals On Wheels in Bandera County program. It is operated exclusively by volunteers.

The Thrift Store is located in Bandera at 660 Hwy 16 South in the strip mall next to Snowflakes Donut Shop. You can call the Thrift Store at (830) 796-3590.

Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am- to 3:00pm
If you wish to volunteer, please come to Silver Sage at 803 Buck Creek Drive to fill out the volunteer form or call (830) 796-4969.
I hear a voice from the kitchen, bidding me to fetch some potatoes from the cellar. The cellar is not a friendly place; nevertheless, I open the door and step into the pitch black darkness. Goosebumps appear on my skin as the cool damp air embraces me. Musty smelling air sifts through my nostrils.

I fumble for the smooth surface of the switch plate. Light floods the chamber below. Frantic rats, with their slinky tails swaying, streak for shelter. Bolder ones lag behind, with their shifty, beady eyes glaring at me. A stamp and a holler on the stair landing and they scurry into the shadowy corners.

I descend the steep, creaky stairway. A filmy cobweb dangling from the wood beam above me, brushes across my forehead. More lacy webs are draped across the corners, forming see-through curtains.

A lone black, tick-bellied spider, clings to his web creation, munching on a trapped fly. A daddy long legs, with his pea-sized body and crooked, spindly legs, waddles up the dirt wall. Crickets hip-pity-hop across the powdery dust floor. They join the monotone chorus of chirpers in the opposite corner.

The acrid scent of drying onions now permeates the atmosphere. They hang randomly from the ceiling beams, trapped in orange net bags; hang-mans noose fashion.

Rickety hand made shelves, hug one wall. Rows of fruits and vegetables are captured in clear mason jars in hues of red, orange, royal purple and green.

I step gingerly toward the brown-skinned potatoes in the far corner. I stay alert for the creatures that may be staring at me from anywhere. I dodge a mottled brown toad, squatted in front of me.

On the potato pile, black beetle bugs skitter into dark crevices to escape my grasp. I pitch the rotted potatoes with the pungent odour aside. Also those nibbled on by the cellar inhabitants. I select large and small potatoes. They make plinking sounds as they are tossed into the tin bucket.

Back on the stair landing, a deep sigh escapes me. Today there is no slimy bull snake wiggling its way to somewhere, but a wavy trail across the dust floor signifies he’s been there.

A flick of the light switch, and I leave the creepy crawlers and creatures to their turf in the pitch darkness of the cellar.

The aroma of fresh baked bread wafts toward me from the kitchen. Soon a steaming bowl of whipped potatoes, with a dollop of home churned butter melting on top, will be sitting on the table waiting for me.
## Across

1. On the peak
2. Hawk’s weapon
3. Cookie cookers
4. Ziti, e.g.
5. Noteworthy
6. Leonardo’s “____ Lisa”
7. Ghost’s cry
8. Sixth sense (abbr.)
9. ____ Witherspoon of “Walk the Line”
10. Glance at
11. Bar bills
12. Eye suggestively
13. Dandelion, for one
14. Fluid rock
15. Elk’s kin
16. Pen
17. Tavern drinks
18. Not functioning
19. Glowing (hyph.)
20. Wyoming’s neighbor
21. Famed boxer
22. Felt
23. Marked down in price (2 wds.)
24. Hastened
25. Gandhi’s nation
26. Undue speed
27. Swiss peaks
28. High
29. Between
30. Norse tale
31. Those folks
32. Wyatt ____
33. Munitions, for short
34. Jump
35. Book part
36. Agitate
37. Heavy linen
38. D-Day beach
39. Vegetarians’ taboos
40. Large shrimp
41. “Cry ____ River” (2 wds.)
42. Golfer ____ Woods
43. Harry Potter’s skill
44. Poker opener
45. Give a right to
46. Humid
47. Soap ____
48. Fragrance
49. Cargo weight
50. Manufacture
51. Start of a Dickens title (2 wds.)
52. Threw
53. Wise ones
54. Burglarize
55. Clear the blackboard
56. Ventured
57. Receive willingly
58. Underground chamber
59. Nursery item
60. Singer ____ Fitzgerald
61. Singer Frank ____
62. Legislature, in Canada
63. Actor ____ Gibson
64. Self-esteem
65. Toothed wheel
66. Good’s opponent
67. Lawful
68. Soothe
69. Country singer ____ McEntire
70. Wed on the run
71. Winter vehicle

## Down

1. Texas landmark
2. Cookie cookers
3. Ziti, e.g.
4. Noteworthy
5. Leonardo’s “____ Lisa”
6. Ghost’s cry
7. Sixth sense (abbr.)
8. ____ Witherspoon of “Walk the Line”
9. Glowing (hyph.)
10. Bar bills
11. Eye suggestively
12. Dandelion, for one
13. Absence of sound
14. Roof of the mouth
15. Pen
16. Tavern drinks
17. Not functioning
18. Wyoming’s neighbor
19. Famed boxer
20. Felt
21. Marked down in price (2 wds.)
22. Hastened
23. Undue speed
24. Swiss peaks
25. High
26. D-Day beach
27. Vegetarians’ taboos
28. Humid
29. Soap ____
30. Fragrance
31. Manufacture
32. Threw
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Answers on pg 14
FAQ

Q. When will The Cottages be complete?
A. Target opening date is February 2021.

Q. How many Cottages are being built and how big are they?
A. 46 total.
   20 one bedroom approximately 600 sq. ft.
   20 one bedroom approximately 720 sq. ft.
   6 two bedroom approximately 980 sq. ft.
   And, 1 three bedroom approximately 1260 sq. ft. for our site manager and maintenance.

Q. Is there a current list of potential residents – seniors who have expressed a strong interest in the Cottages?
A. Yes, there are currently 36 Bandera county residents on the list of potential residents. We will begin accepting formal applications in September 2020.

Q. Are the Cottages for sale or rent?
A. Rent

Q. How much is the rent?
A. The market rent for Bandera County is $1.10 per sq. ft.
   That would make the smallest house $660.00 at market rates.
   However, rent will go down from there depending on income.

Q. Are utilities included?
A. Water, sewer, and garbage are included.

Q. Will the Cottages be furnished?
A. No. All Cottages will include washer, dryer, stove, oven, and refrigerator.

Q. Are the Cottages going to be at ground level with no steps and ADA compliant?
A. Yes. All Cottages will be level with sidewalks and porches. No steps.
   The Cottages will all be ADA compliant and more.

Q. Are you looking for grants?
A. Yes. The total project cost is $4,800,000.00. We anticipate $800,000.00 from local fundraising activity and $4,000,000.00 from grant resources.

Q. Is this government housing.
A. No. This project is solely owned by The Silver Sage, a 501c3 nonprofit and we are not accepting any government funding.

Q. How are residents going to be selected? What is the criteria?
A. The applications will be scored by our Residents Committee consisting of staff and board members considering a variety of criteria.
   55 and older. Must be able to live independently.
   Bandera County resident. Transportation and much more.

Q. Are pets allowed?
A. Yes. We are still evaluating criteria for pets.
Coming Soon

The Cottages of Silver Sage
A Community For Active Seniors

What are the Cottages of Silver Sage?

• A Community for Active Seniors
• 46 units ranging from 600 sq ft to 980 sq ft
• Rent based on Income
• Located next to the Silver Sage Community Center
• Seniors activities Monday–Friday every week
• Free Lunch Daily for qualifying participants

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