

HERBY HAM ACTIVITY CENTER

# NEWSLETTER

May, 2022

# HERBY HAM ACTIVITY CENTER COMMUNITY COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

## Saturday, May 7th from 8-2 pm

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. FURNITURE, JEWELKY. INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTERS, CRAFTS FOOD BOOTHS & MORE

INSIDE. AWNING AND PARKING LOT SPACES AVAILABLE BOOTH PRICE: \$25, \$30 + \$35 YOU MUST FURNISH YOUR OWN TABLES AND CHAIRS

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HERBY HAM ACTIVITY CENTER WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30 IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

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**SUE'S CORNER** 

When I was a kid I would ride my bike, by myself, to our community pool which was 2.5 miles away. I would play outside all day and come in when

the street lights came on because I grew up in the country but when the sun started going down and the night bugs started chirping. We would go to the pond that was just up the road and catch tadpoles, run from snakes and an occasional skunk. We would make mud pies and eat Agarita berries straight from the bush and drink from the water hose and never lock the front door.

I have heard so many stories about how many who attend HHAC grew up in Uvalde. Linda and Bobby Kramer tell of how they would "cruise" downtown meeting up with friends. As matter of fact, that is how Linda and Bobby met. Jack Molloy has told of how he would go to dances and the fun he had along with some of the trouble he got into. I could write a book on the "episodes" I have heard about Uvalde and how people grew up here. I love it! As we all know so much has changed in our world. We no longer allow our children go off by themselves or even, in many cases, with a group. Everything we touch is followed by antibacterial gel, our doors are locked and cameras are watching anyone who comes to our homes much-less everywhere else, including the center.

Nonetheless, in this changed world, wonderful memories can still be made. Even in writing this, I am listening to my morning coffee drinkers talk about how they worked together to build HHAC. How they painted walls, created parking stops and what was saved from the old center. There is a spirit of pride as they discuss what all they have done and continue to do for HHAC.

Memories are up to us to create even in a changed world. It is also up to us to share those memories with our children, grandchildren and those around us.

There is a wonderful foundation at HHAC supported by legacy and love for an organization that has done so much for so many people. From the pool to the wood shop, classes, outreach such as Project Grace, dances, friends meeting up for coffee and more. Memories are formed within these activities. Let's keep them going. Come be a part of future memories, not only for yourself but for HHAC.

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### FAN CORNER OUR BOARD MEMBER ELSA AYALA

This month the spotlight is on Elsa Ayala who has been a board member since the beginning of 2021.

Elsa was raised in Zaragoza, Mexico where she remained until the age of 19 and obtained her Bachelor's degree in Bio Chemistry. She met her first husband George at church through her cousin who worked for him. They soon moved to Houston where unfortunately, some time later, he passed away. George had asked her not to move back to Mexico but having 2 boys and living by herself "was tough" Elsa said. "Not having family there to help put a strain on all of us". She still found time to attend UT Arlington to begin her second Bachelor's degree in Education.

In time, she chose to move Uvalde to be close to family in Mexico where she became a Parent Educator for UCISD. She Later had the opportunity to become Coordinator of the Parenting Program for the district. Moved to Dallas, Texas to complete her Bachelors Degree in Education at Texas Weslyan University and teaching in Cleburne Texas. She then decided to come back to Uvalde and was a teacher at Batesville before going to the ESC Region 20 to work as a Migrant and Bilingual Education Specialist. After five years of working in San Antonio, Elsa moved back to UCISD and obtained her masters in Administration becoming assistant principal at Uvalde High School, Junior High and later a principal at Batesville.

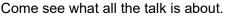
Elsa met her second husband at a dance in Uvalde. They are the owners of New Beginnings Adult Day Care here in Uvalde. She loves running the New Beginnings stating, "Serving people who are living the last chapter of their lives and providing them love, care and meeting the needs is such a blessing".

Partially retired, Elsa and Claudio love to travel and are planning a trip to Hawaii later this year.

Elsa is very active in our Water Aerobic Program with Brenda Carter where she has made many new friends which is a love of hers. "The more people I meet the more I grow. Not only intellectual but emotionally. That has helped me view life in a different way. We don't realize how the life experiences of other people help mold us."

Mary Davila invited Elsa to HHAC's water aerobic program where she discovers new relationships along with improving herself. "People welcomed me with open arms. We can come to HHAC and do Yoga, water aerobics, wood shop and so much more. Uvalde is lucky to have a place like Herby Ham Activity Center." "My life has increased in experiences because of HHAC. For instance, the ability to be able to join a group you may think you would not have anything in common with but relationships blossom and grow each day. Quite often, if someone misses a class, a phone call is made checking on them".

Hearing so many similar comments about HHAC is consistent. The people who attend love and support one another.



### QUILTS OF GRACE MONTHLY MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 @ 1 pm . HELPING MANY CHILDREN OF UVALDE COUNTY THROUGH CASA. JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW



Just a sampling of the beautiful quilts QoG creates.



A part of our Quilts of Grace Team.

L to R : Mery Dee Pitts, Mary Lou Williamson, New Member-Kay Campbell, Kay Brieden, Erline Braesicke, Nancy Musquiz.



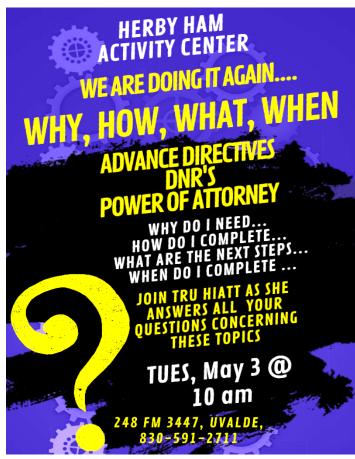
Hard at work



CHICKS- EAT- OUT EVERY WEDENSDAY AT 11:30 AM

Wed, May 4th—Luigi's Italian Wed, May 11—Pit Stop Wed, May 18—La Herradero De Jalisco—Getty Wed, May 25– Neals-Concan JOIN US!

# **SPRING LEARNING SERIES**



## Quilts of Grace presents Beginning Quilting Monday, May 9, 2022 ~ 9 am - 2 pm \$20 - Light lunch provided

Have you wondered how you could help Quilts of Grace make quilts for foster children but haven't ever sewn a quilt? Come learn the process while helping to construct a quilt to be donated to the foster care system.

Participants will learn skills necessary to construct a simple quilt. Topics covered include fabric selection, accurate cutting, seam allowance, pressing, sewing and joining blocks, putting together a "quilt sandwich", basting, machine quilting and binding.

Participants must bring: 1. Sewing machine in good working order that they are familiar with and instruction manual if possible. 2. Cotton sewing thread - white, beige or light grey.

Class limited to six students.

### Call Kay Brieden at 830-900-2129 to register.

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## HERBY HAM ACTIVITY CENTER BREAD MAKING CLASS Wed. May 11, 6 pm

WITH BRENDA CARTER \$10 MOST SUPPLIES FURNISHED BRING ROUND CAKE PAN

**REGISTER AND PAY BY MON. MAY 9** 

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Herby Ham Activity Center Learning Series Continues With Cauliflower Rice Class Tuesday May 17th, 6 pm

\$10 a person

Fried Rice

**Spanish Rice** 

Join Devin Caballero and Sue Rankin as they instruct how to prepare these amazing dishes. Register and pre-pay by Monday, May 16th.

# **SPRING LEARNING SERIES-CONTINUED**



### **BENEFITS OF KNOWING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY**

**1. It gives you a sense of identity** Nothing is more eye-opening than learning about who you are. Learning about your ancestors, celebrating family traditions, embracing your culture, and understanding where you came from can open your eyes to how beautiful and unique you are.



Let's face it, life is hard. But back in the day, life was even more so. More likely than not, your past family members probably faced terrible tragedies and heartache. They faced things that seem almost impossible to overcome. But they did overcome them. And learning about their stories and how they got through difficult times can definitely give you the courage you need to keep going and make you more resilient when you're facing challenges.



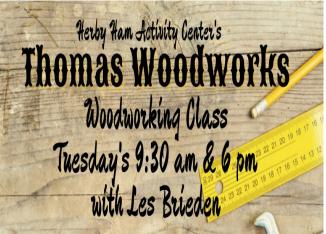
**3. It helps you connect with others.** Learning about your family history can have amazing effects on the way you connect with others. It opens up conversations that you never dreamed of having with people you may have never known

**4. It helps you make good health choices.** Have you been filling out a patient history form in a doctor's office and your mind went blank when it asked if cancer, high blood pressure, or diabetes ran in your family? Well, to avoid leaving those blank spaces in the future, learning about your ancestors can give you a lot of information on what health concerns run in your family, and more importantly, what you are at risk for. Knowing this information can help you make good choices regarding your health and help you lead a healthy lifestyle.

Join Revis Leonard as she opens up the World of Genealogy . Call 830-591-2711 for information.







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### Memorial/Honorarium Donations

Memorials and Honorariums go towards HHAC's Building Fund unless otherwise stated. Please remember us in your will.



### WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T CROCHET?

Do you have some extra time on your hands and would like to learn something new? Join our Crochet Group, The Yarn Whispers,

Wednesday's at 9 am. They would love to teach you.





UVALDE FARMER'S MARKET Every Thursday at Uvalde's Town Square from 11-2.

If you would like to sell home grown fruit or vegetables or home baked items, home canned items, eggs, even chickens you are welcome to join us at no charge

Call 830-591-2711 for more information



Remember HHAC For your Event Rental Needs! Parties, Receptions, Corporate Events. Call 830-591-2711

## WEEKLY EVENTS AT HERBY HAM ACTIVITY CENTER



LINE DANCING AT HHAC CAN BE BENEFICIAL TO YOUR HEALTH...BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WEDNESDAY'S @ 1:00 FREE AND FUN!

### AFTERNOON GAMES AT HHAC

Pinochle—Monday @ 2:30 pm Bridge—Monday @ 12:30 pm Dominoes (42) - Wednesday @ 1:00 pm



COFFEE, DONUTS & CONVERSATION EVERY FRIDAY AT 9 :00 AM

**JOIN US!** 

### WATER AEROBIC CLASSES :

Water Babes 8:30a (Mon, Tues, Thurs) Arthritis Class 10:00a (Mon, Tues, Thurs) Water Babes 1:30p (Mon, Tues, Thurs) Bio Wave 3:45 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) Mixed Class: 5:00p (Mon, Tues, & Thurs) <u>POOL USE FEE \$60.00 INCLUDES WATER</u> AEROBICS & OPEN POOL

OR \$10.00 PER VISIT

Open Pool Hours <u>Two people must be in the pool area at all</u> <u>times</u> Monday - 11:00—1:00 & 2:30 - 4:30 pm Tuesday - 11:00—1:00 & 2:30 - 3:30 pm Wednesday - 8:00 am—3:30 pm Thursday - 11:00—1:00 & 2:30 - 3:30 pm Friday - 8:00 am - 11:30 am



Line Dancing—Wed 1:00 pm (free) Exercise Machines—Mon-Thurs. 9 am-4:30 pm Fri 8am-11am (free) Circuit Gym—Mon-Thurs 8am-4:30Pm Fri 8-11:30 am



FARMER'S MARKET EVERY THURSDAY FROM 11 AM TO 2 PM AT UVALDE'S TOWN SQUARE.

### WOOD WORKING INSTRUCTION WITH LES BRIEDEN

TUESDAY'S FROM 9:30 am & 6:00pm



\$5 a day or \$30 a month

Two or more must be in the woodshop with a Center representative being one of them.