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Community Care

Egg Surprises

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8 Months 2 Years 9 Months

The Chandler Household recently celebrated Easter, and this year was especially joyful as we experienced the excitement through our son Preston's eager eyes. This was the first year we hid Easter eggs, as Preston is nearly three years old, and while he located most of them, several managed to remain hidden amidst the chaos that was Easter morning. As a matter of fact, later that evening when things had calmed down a bit, Preston was using the bathroom (he's now potty trained, thank goodness!) and my wife Liz and I heard him squealing with delight....not over what he did in the bathroom, but because he nabbed one of the elusive missing Easter eggs!

Ways To Honor A Loved One:

- Show Memorial Tribute Video
- Plant a Tree
- Display Memorabilia on Memory Table
- Have a Dove Release
- Have Donations sent to favorite Charity

This whole scenario left me thinking that if we each look a little harder in our lives, maybe we can find those missing "eggs" that will bring us the uninhibited joy of a child. Maybe it's contacting an old friend or reminiscing over old photographs that brings us happiness and fond memories- but whatever it is, I challenge you this spring to seek out those "hidden eggs" in your life that bring joy to you, your family and your friends.

As always, I hope this edition finds you living well...

Your Friend and Neighbor,
Bryan E. Chandler

In this go-go world, it is easy to develop a lack of enthusiasm for daily life. If you just look around you, however, you can find plenty of things to inspire you.

Finding Inspiration in Daily Life

Inspiration is a funny thing. Most people think of inspiring events as those that are monumental. While heroic acts are certainly inspiring, little acts of kindness or thoughtfulness can also act as the mechanism for your life. Indeed, simple things other than actions can also do the trick. You simply have to look about you to do find them.

Life is much like space in many ways. The planets represent those days when something exciting or inspirational occur. Unfortunately, many of us find there are a lot more days that seem just like empty space. We travel through the work week doing the same thing everyday. We get up and go through our morning ritual. We go to work and do what is needed. We go home, eat and watch television. We do it over and over and over until the process becomes an informal ritual. This leads to a loss of enthusiasm for life.

To find inspiration in your daily life, you must first take a step back. Grab a pen and pad. Write out what you do everyday of the week. Do you see a definitive pattern? If so, you have fallen into the trap. You are walking through life without really paying attention to what is going on around you. You must fight back!

The way to find inspiration in daily life is to look around you. Really focus. If you eat lunch in your office, go outside. Look at the people around you. What do you notice about them? When you get home from work, go out for a walk. Don't walk with your head down and don't think about work! Look around you. Most people live in a location for years, but have no clue about their neighborhood. Walk into stores. Look at the architecture. Watch people interact. Talk to them.

The more you take an active role in what is going on around you, the more inspiration you will find in life. It may be meeting the single mother who works two jobs. It may be meeting the immigrant who came to the country with no money but opened a little store around the corner and is putting his or her kids through college. If you look, you will find it.

Inspiration is all around us. If you take an active role in your life, you will find it.

Best Recipes: “Taco” Cookies

by: **Donna Monday**

These taco cookies look really cute, are fun to make, and best of all, taste great!

1 (18 oz.) pkg. Refrigerated sugar cookies	¼ teaspoon almond extract
1 cup whipping cream	1 tablespoon powdered sugar
2 tablespoons sugar	3 cups assorted fresh berries
½ teaspoon cinnamon	1/3 cup chocolate flavored syrup

Directions : Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Roll a 15-inch sheet of foil into a 15-inch log 1 ½ inches in diameter.

Cut 16 (1/4-inch) slices from cookie dough (wrap remaining cookie dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for another use). Place 4 slices on ungreased cookie sheet; press each slice into 3-inch round.

Bake slices 5 to 7 minutes or until light golden brown around edges.

Immediately remove cookies from cookie sheet and place over foil log, pressing gently to form into taco shell shape. Cool completely while baking next 4 slices.

Remove cooled cookies from foil log and place on wire racks. Repeat with remaining slices.

In a small bowl, combine whipping cream, sugar, cinnamon, and almond extract; beat until soft peaks form.

Place cookie shells on dessert plates. Sprinkle shells with powdered sugar. Fill shells with berries. Top with whipped cream. Drizzle with chocolate. Garnish with nuts.



Veteran's Corner

A **Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC)** is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

History

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased veterans. More than one certificate may be provided.



Chandler Funeral Home applies for the PMC for every family of a Veteran we serve. For more information Contact us anytime (740) 732-1311.



A loving, sensible Plan for the future

Most of us have life insurance, and we at least know that we should have a will. Isn't it strange, that many people consider it distasteful to pre-arrange a funeral? Instead, let's consider why pre-arrangement is really a thoughtful, loving thing to do.

It helps our loved ones - In the first day or two of bereavement, grief makes it difficult for survivors to ponder budgets and make the countless decisions that go along with arranging funeral services.

It fulfills a personal need - We all have some idea of how we'd like to be remembered. Pre-arrangement lets us have a say in that, in whatever details we desire.

For many, it is a necessity - When we live alone, travel widely, or foresee family problems, establishing a funeral plan in advance can give us peace of mind to ensure that our wishes are carried out.

It's economical - We make level headed decisions on how elaborate we want our departure to be and under most plans, we protect survivors from inflation by securing today's prices.

Please contact the professionals at Chandler Funeral Home to answer all the questions you have concerning the benefits of pre-planning.

If this reaches you at a difficult time, please accept our apologies.