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*"Every time an old person dies,
a library burns to the ground."*

~African Proverb

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Will Forsyth,
Vice President and
General Counsel
Compass Senior Living

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The Power of Storytelling

One of the most enjoyable things in life is to hear someone tell a good story. It allows you to get to know the person in a unique and insightful way, sharing a window into an experience from their life. It could be about anything, really – an adventure, a family history, a recollection of daily life many years ago. It could be inspiring, heartbreaking, informative, or hilarious, and sometimes all of those things all in one story.

It doesn't take long in a senior living community to realize that these are places where stories are in great abundance. Our residents have many years to draw upon, and so many interesting experiences to recount . . . and they are typically very generous storytellers! In Compass communities, we embrace the telling of stories, since it is a key to our residents, families, and employees becoming well known to one another. People who know one another well are able to care for one another and make each other's lives more full – this is a simple, powerful truth.

One way we promote storytelling in Compass communities is through our *Tiny Stories*[™] project, where residents are given the opportunity to share stories from their past that are recorded and provided to family members and shared in various ways. A number of *Tiny Stories*[™] clips are available on our website at www.compass-living.com/tinystories. If you have a few minutes, I encourage you to listen to a few of them – it'll brighten your day, as they are reflective of the stories you'll hear every day throughout our Compass communities. If you'd like to participate in the *Tiny Stories*[™] project, please contact your community's Administrator or Life Enrichment Director, as we'd love to help residents preserve and share their stories. In closing, I'd like to extend a heartfelt "thanks" to all of our residents for providing countless stories about their rich and varied experiences – and encourage them all to continue doing this, as it is an important part of what makes our communities enjoyable places to be.

Thanks –
Will

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An Elder once told me...

"Spend your days looking for ways to give instead of what you can take; you'll be much happier in life."

No words were spoken truer.

Our elders teach us many lessons that we can carry for our entire lives, but it all starts with listening to the stories they share with us.

One such story happened right here in our memory care community. She was a lady that was well known for walking throughout the community every day and moving random objects while she roamed.

One day, as she walked down the wide hallway towards me, a stuffed animal in one hand and a box of tissues in the other, she stopped and turned her eyes towards me.

Helen is a hugger. So, when she made eye contact, I knew exactly what I was in for.

We both smiled as we walked closer to our inevitable embrace, but this time was different. She stopped, inches from our practiced routine and asked. . ."why do you want my hug?"

I embarrass easily, so my face began to turn red as my mind scrambled for an answer to this question.

"I want a hug because it makes me feel good", I said.

She shook her head.

"My dear, you should look for hugs that make others feel good. . .you'll understand that one day."

Thank you, Helen, you've taught me well.

(*Tiny Story™* from Zeth Owen, Community Relations Director, Regent Court, Corvallis, Oregon.)



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"If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten." Rudyard Kipling

The Power to Transform

Stories have power. They delight, enchant, touch, teach, recall, inspire, motivate, and challenge. They help us understand. They imprint a picture on our minds. Our story-telling ability, a uniquely human trait, has been with us as long as we've been able to speak and listen. Not only do people love to tell stories, people love to hear stories!

Elder Storytellers

We have a unique opportunity to harvest the wisdom, the humor, and memories we hear every day. We live and work alongside elders who have journeyed almost a full century on this planet. Through their stories, we connect with one another while giving our elder storytellers the

opportunity to reconnect with what was once taken for granted. We give them the opportunity to share their memories for generations to come.

Legacy Preserved

Through the simple process of capturing these memories - these tiny stories - we create a profoundly enriching experience for both the storyteller and the recorder. Elders tell their stories of adventures, challenges, and wisdom acquired along their life journey. Deeper connections are made, and their legacy preserved!

If you want to learn more about this legacy collection project, contact us. We would love to hear your story and share ours too!

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Irene: *I was born in a log cabin down there in the country. We had the old local doctor, Fred Murray, and he one time told me - He had a real cracky voice, and he said, "I had the choice to make whether you would live or die." And if my mom had been living now it would have been Caesarean, definitely. But, he said that, and he told me one time I was born in "tater diggin" time. [laughs] He was comical, he was a comical old guy. He had a real cracky voice. [laughs]*

Carrie: *You were born in what? What did he say?*

Irene: *Tater digging time! October.*

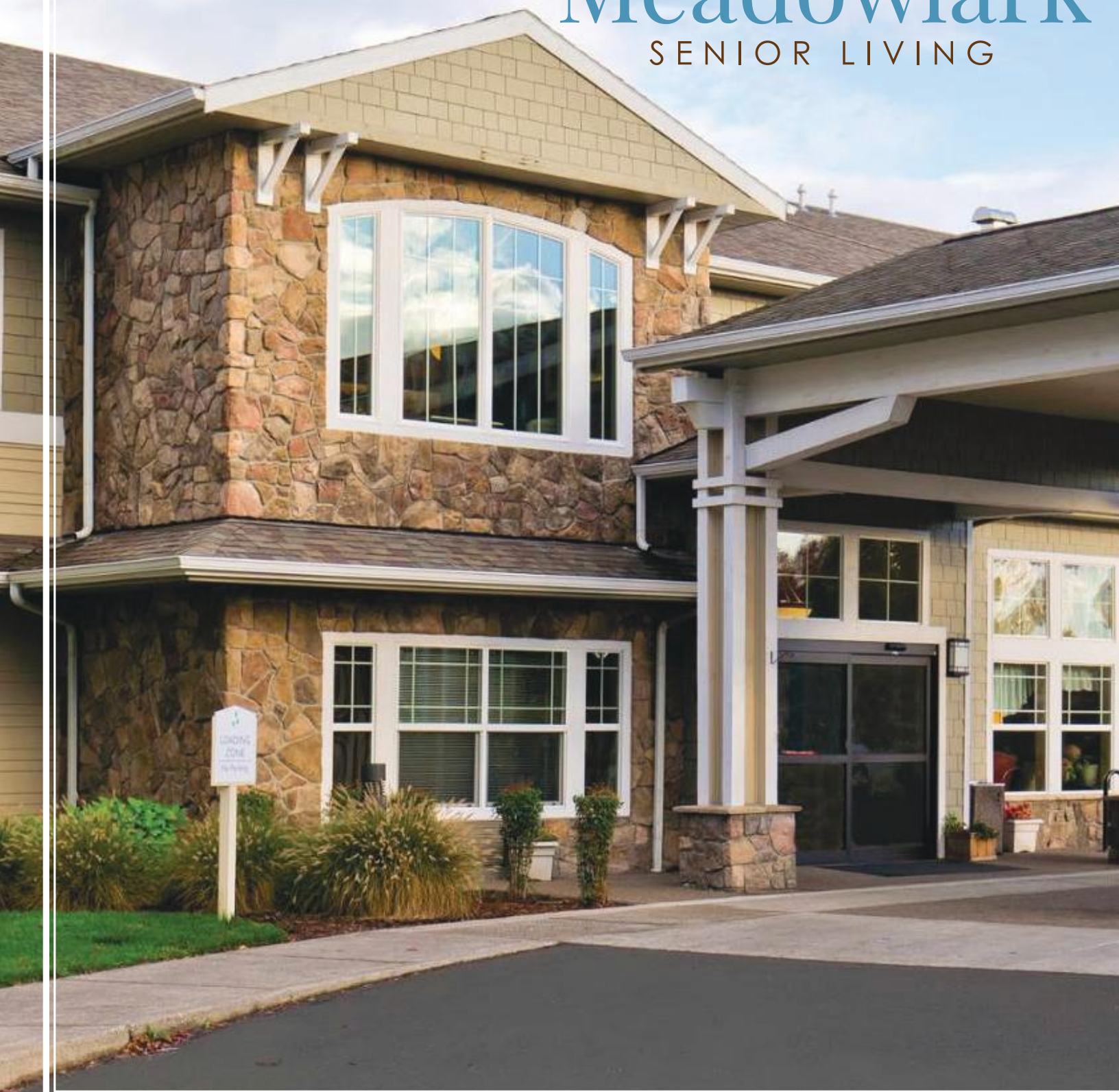
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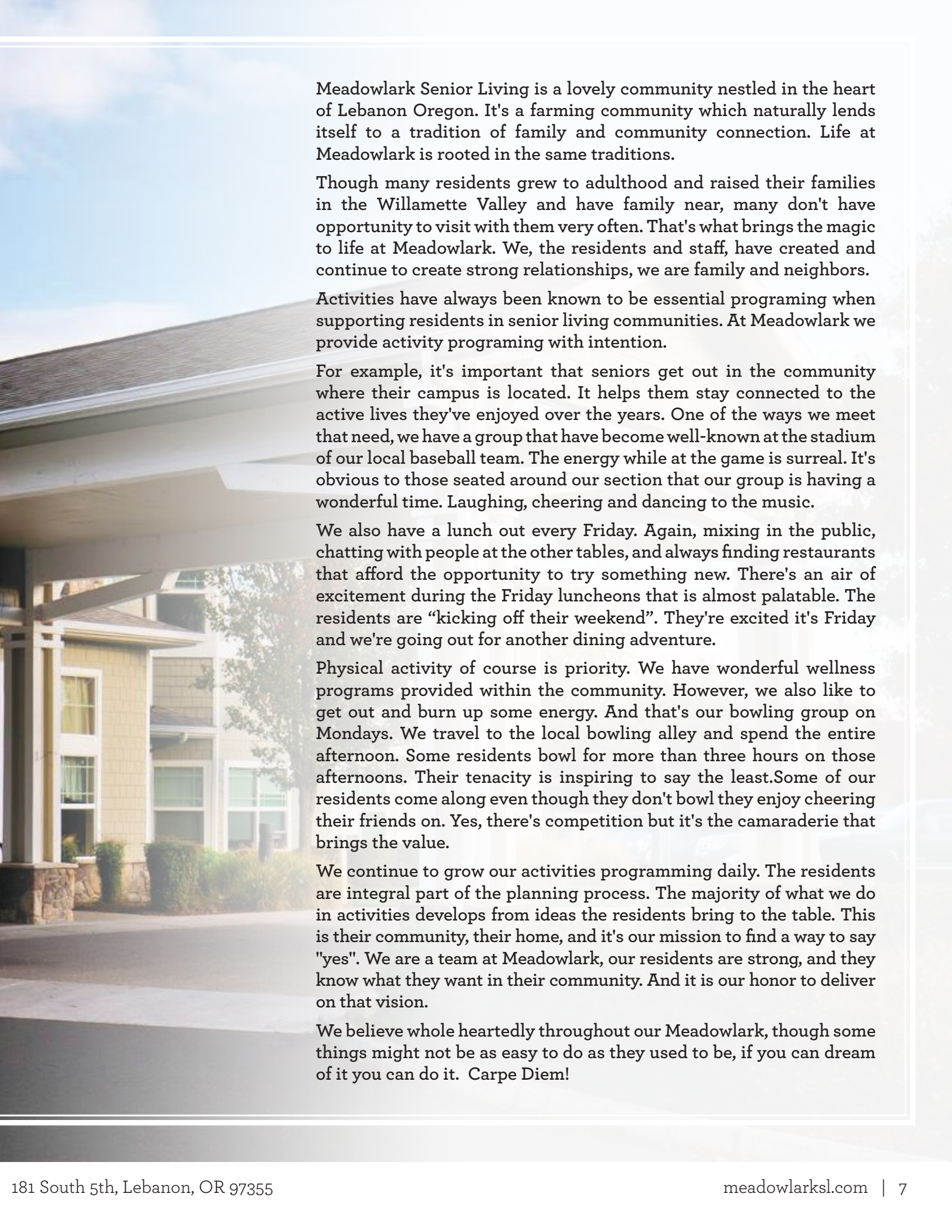




Meadowlark

SENIOR LIVING





Meadowlark Senior Living is a lovely community nestled in the heart of Lebanon Oregon. It's a farming community which naturally lends itself to a tradition of family and community connection. Life at Meadowlark is rooted in the same traditions.

Though many residents grew to adulthood and raised their families in the Willamette Valley and have family near, many don't have opportunity to visit with them very often. That's what brings the magic to life at Meadowlark. We, the residents and staff, have created and continue to create strong relationships, we are family and neighbors.

Activities have always been known to be essential programming when supporting residents in senior living communities. At Meadowlark we provide activity programming with intention.

For example, it's important that seniors get out in the community where their campus is located. It helps them stay connected to the active lives they've enjoyed over the years. One of the ways we meet that need, we have a group that have become well-known at the stadium of our local baseball team. The energy while at the game is surreal. It's obvious to those seated around our section that our group is having a wonderful time. Laughing, cheering and dancing to the music.

We also have a lunch out every Friday. Again, mixing in the public, chatting with people at the other tables, and always finding restaurants that afford the opportunity to try something new. There's an air of excitement during the Friday luncheons that is almost palatable. The residents are "kicking off their weekend". They're excited it's Friday and we're going out for another dining adventure.

Physical activity of course is priority. We have wonderful wellness programs provided within the community. However, we also like to get out and burn up some energy. And that's our bowling group on Mondays. We travel to the local bowling alley and spend the entire afternoon. Some residents bowl for more than three hours on those afternoons. Their tenacity is inspiring to say the least. Some of our residents come along even though they don't bowl they enjoy cheering their friends on. Yes, there's competition but it's the camaraderie that brings the value.

We continue to grow our activities programming daily. The residents are integral part of the planning process. The majority of what we do in activities develops from ideas the residents bring to the table. This is their community, their home, and it's our mission to find a way to say "yes". We are a team at Meadowlark, our residents are strong, and they know what they want in their community. And it is our honor to deliver on that vision.

We believe whole heartedly throughout our Meadowlark, though some things might not be as easy to do as they used to be, if you can dream of it you can do it. Carpe Diem!

LET YOUR

INNER



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CHILD SHINE!



Roasted Pumpkin-Apple Soup

Apples add just a hint of sweetness to this velvety pumpkin soup. Try it as a delightful first course for a special meal.

Ingredients

- 4 pounds pie pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2-inch chunks (see Tip)
- 4 large sweet-tart apples, such as Empire, Cameo or Braeburn, unpeeled, cored and cut into eighths
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1¼ teaspoons salt, divided
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth or vegetable broth
- ⅓ cup chopped hazelnuts, toasted (see Tip)
- 2 tablespoons hazelnut oil



Preparation

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Toss pumpkin (or squash), apples, olive oil, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper in a large bowl. Spread evenly on a large rimmed baking sheet. Roast, stirring once, for 30 minutes. Stir in sage and continue roasting until very tender and starting to brown, 15 to 20 minutes more. Transfer about one-third of the pumpkin (or squash) and apples to a blender along with 2 cups broth. Puree until smooth. Transfer to a Dutch oven and repeat for two more batches. Season with the remaining ¼ teaspoon salt and heat through over medium-low heat, stirring constantly to prevent splattering, for about 6 minutes. Serve each portion topped with hazelnuts and a drizzle of hazelnut oil.

Make Ahead Tip: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Reheat in the microwave on High, covered, stirring frequently, or on the stovetop over medium heat.



Tips: Make it easier to cut a pumpkin, acorn squash or other winter squash: pierce in several places with a fork; microwave on High for 45 to 60 seconds. Use a large sharp knife to cut in half. Remove the seeds and stringy fibers with a spoon.

To toast chopped nuts, small nuts and seeds, place in a small dry skillet and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until fragrant and lightly browned, 2 to 4 minutes.

Cut Down on Dishes: A rimmed baking sheet is great for everything from roasting to catching accidental drips and spills. For effortless cleanup and to keep your baking sheets in tip-top shape, line them with a layer of foil before each use.

Pumpkin Custard with Hazel Nuts and Caramel

Ingredients

1 cup canned pumpkin puree
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups nonfat evaporated milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt 10 hazelnuts,
($\frac{1}{2}$ ounce)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water 4 ounces reduced-fat
cream cheese, (Neufchâtel)
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Cognac, or vanilla
extract



Preparation

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Whisk together pumpkin, eggs, milk and vanilla in a medium bowl. Combine brown sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt in a small bowl. Sift into the pumpkin mixture and whisk until incorporated.

Divide the mixture equally among six $\frac{3}{4}$ -cup custard cups. Set the cups in a baking dish and pour in boiling water to come halfway up the outsides of the cups. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Remove the custards from the oven and cool them to room temperature. Chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

Meanwhile, spread hazelnuts on a pie plate and toast in a 350°F oven for 10 minutes to loosen the skins. Rub off skins and let cool. Chop finely and set aside. Line a baking sheet with foil.

Combine granulated sugar and water in a small, heavy saucepan. Bring to a simmer and cook, without stirring,

until the syrup is a deep amber color, 5 to 10 minutes. Do not let the syrup burn. Pour the hot syrup onto the prepared baking sheet. Quickly tilt to spread the caramel in a thin layer. Sprinkle on the toasted nuts. Let cool. When the caramel is hard, break into shards.

Process cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and Cognac (or vanilla) in a food processor or blender until smooth. Garnish the custards with a spoonful of the cream and shards of the hazelnut caramel.

Make Ahead Tip: Prepare the custards through Step 4; cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days. The caramel (Step 6) can be prepared up to a week ahead and stored in an airtight container.



Brain Games

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ACROSS

- 1 Grazing area
- 6 Clothed
- 10 Floating ice
- 14 Pointed weapon
- 15 Healthy
- 16 False god graven image
- 17 View
- 18 Institution (abbr.)
- 19 After eight
- 20 Way
- 21 Unmakes
- 23 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 24 Advance
- 26 Wax coloring device
- 28 Observe
- 31 Mix
- 32 Genius
- 33 Pedals
- 36 Detail
- 40 Cover a present
- 42 Vane direction
- 43 Adore
- 44 Exchange for money
- 45 Amends (2 wds.)
- 48 Second day of the wk.
- 49 Giant
- 51 Twerp
- 53 Rat
- 56 Appeal
- 57 Liberal (abbr.)
- 58 Beam
- 61 Post
- 65 Won
- 67 Oaths
- 68 Remain
- 69 College head
- 70 Rewrite
- 71 Throws
- 72 Writer Bombeck
- 73 TV rooms
- 74 Resources

DOWN

- 1 Invitation abbreviaton
- 2 Capital of Western Samoa
- 3 Bird's home
- 4 Bring together in one place
- 5 Epoch
- 6 Spine
- 7 Solid part of earth's surface
- 8 In addition
- 9 Notices
- 10 Container
- 11 Teach
- 12 Musical piece
- 13 Gather straw
- 21 Opp. of pretty
- 22 ___ Lanka
- 25 MD
- 27 Very dry
- 28 Animal feet
- 29 Unit of land measurement
- 30 Bluish green
- 31 Meets
- 34 Give
- 35 Acid drug
- 37 Dorothy's dog
- 38 Decorative needle case
- 39 Sports event
- 41 Farm tool for turning earth
- 45 Came
- 46 Prepare ground for planting
- 47 Lyric poem
- 50 Stiffen
- 52 Verse meter
- 53 Forest clearing
- 54 More friendly
- 55 Right angle to a ships length
- 56 Unwanted insects
- 59 What a leaf comes from
- 60 Matching
- 62 Ventilates
- 63 Lazy
- 64 For fear that
- 66 Genetic code
- 68 Expression of surprise

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HARVEST

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically, and diagonally in all eight directions.

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- Acre
- Arid
- Barn
- Cornucopia
- Crops
- Disk
- Gather
- Glean
- Granary
- Hybrid
- Land
- Mulch
- Packer
- Pests
- Picking
- Plow
- Reap
- Shock
- Till
- Tract
- Winnow

Brain Game Answers:

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