



Robert Lee Elementary Music Program

returns of your special day! May 24 will find some of the residents on a shopping spree in San Angelo. Lots of fun! The monthly Sing-Along will be held May 31 at the facility dining room. Come join the hilarity!

Hope you have a blessed and safe Memorial Day, honoring and paying tribute to all who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Don't Overlook These Seasonal Kitchen Tasks

While regular kitchen chores like doing the dishes and taking out the trash are almost impossible to ignore, it can be easy to forget certain maintenance tasks that keep your ship smoothly sailing.

Spring cleaning season is the perfect chance to take care of those often overlooked items that deserve your semi-annual attention. So between dusting the cobwebs and organizing your pantry, be sure to do the following:

Freshen the Fridge

A refrigerator can get icky quickly if you aren't careful. Don't neglect to give it your thorough attention.

Unplug your fridge to dust below it safely with a coil brush.

Then remove everything in there, discarding any out-of-date items. Clean every surface with soap and water, including the door seals, which are prone to collect crumbs and food debris. For tough gunk and odors, use baking soda.

Drawers can be removed and cleaned in the sink.

Before putting the food back in the fridge, ensure everything is wiped down and clean - especially potentially sticky items like jelly jars.

Sharpen Knives

The old adage "work smarter, not harder" holds true when it comes to keeping your kitchen knives razor sharp. Not only are sharp knives safer to use, but they

will also make you a more efficient cook, saving you loads of chopping, slicing and dicing time.

You should already be honing and polishing knife edges after each use. But take the spring cleaning season to sharpen your knives with a high-quality sharpener.

Look for a sharpener that offers diversity. For example, Edgeware's adjustable electric knife sharpeners and manual knife sharpeners include coarse and fine sharpening slots for dull and damaged knives and regular maintenance respectively. Such sharpeners are ideal for sharpening a variety of knives, from straight edge blades to serrated. For how-to videos and other tips on restoring your knives to their original factory angle, visit www.edgewareproducts.com.

Clean the Oven

Accidents in the oven are inevitable. And because you can't wipe down the oven while it's still piping hot, spills have a long time to set, making the cleaning proc-

ess later a tough one.

If you don't have a self-cleaning oven, and want to avoid caustic products such as ammonia, baking soda and diluted vinegar can work wonders. Apply to spills and splatters and let it sit for a few minutes before wiping down.

Remember, a little prevention goes a long way. For future cakes, casseroles and other baked treats and meals, use aluminum foil to catch spills and drips.

Spring cleaning is more than just an annual liaison with your mops and brooms. Use the time to maintain the tools and components of your home that you take for granted.

CRP sign-up slated

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

Additional sign-ups for continuous CRP programs will be announced in spring 2013.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP, which is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on September 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years). Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis and that often provide additional financial assistance.

For more information on



CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Camp Arch 2013 to be held

The College of Architecture at Texas A & M will be hosting Camp Arch this summer July 7-12. The resident summer camp is designed to give students who have competed the 9th grade or higher and incoming freshmen college students an opportunity to experience the professions of architect, construction science, landscape architecture and urban planning.

For more information on this camp or to apply, visit <http://camparch.tamu.edu> or see Mrs. Timmerman, BHS counselor, for an application.

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