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FALL FESTIVAL EDITION COUNTING DOWN!

Foxwood volunteers have been discussing and preparing for Fall Festival, 2018 for six months, and some have been working on this project much longer. Fall Festival Chairs Bob and Donna Wallis have been talking with local merchants even longer to solicit prizes for the Door Prizes and the Silent Auction. They have recruited Larry and Carol Ann Parker, relatively new residents, to work with them as Assistant Chairs, and all four of them have spent a lot of time working with people in the Raymore and Belton communities, as well as with Foxwood Springs residents, to prepare for our Festival on Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22. Larry has recruited Boy Scouts to help us during the Festival, and they will be available to help our workers.

Dick and Doris Conley have organized the Greeters, who will be at the Front Lobby Door and the Holmes Hall door to provide information and directions for our visitors during the Festival.

Our Fall Festival each September raises funds for the Fellowship of John, our program which provides financial assistance for our residents who have outlived their resources and need some additional help to be able to continue to live at Foxwood Springs.

We are counting down the days until the Festival begins. On Monday, September 17, our Maintenance staff will transfer shelving, tables and chairs, and sales items which have been sorted and priced in other areas to Holmes Hall. They will help us set up the Silent Auction in Bromwell Lounge later in the week and the First floor Lobby just before the Festival for the use of the Gift Shop.

We hope you will come to the Festival and that you will find items you want to buy. Some of our sales items are traditional, but others are very new or different. Following are descriptions of our various venues, where they are, and what you can find there. Many resident volunteers will be available to help you.

BROMWELL LOUNGE

The Silent Auction and the drawings for Door Prizes will be held in Bromwell Lounge. We have fabulous items for both events!

SILENT AUCTION

Donna Wallis, Carol Ann Parker, and Pat McLaughlin have prepared the Silent Auction. Bids on items may be posted from 9:00 to 4:00 on Friday and from 9:00 to 2:00 on Saturday. People can continue to bid on the items throughout both days. Winners will be called after the Auction closes. If the prizes are not picked up by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24, the second highest bidder will be called.

Donna says, "Silent Auction items include hand made quilts, and unbelievable baskets submitted by Parishes and individuals in the community! This year, Mayor of Raymore Kris Turnbow will be here on Thursday afternoon and will choose his favorite basket (from one of the Parishes) and present the "Mayor's Choice" ribbon. We also have a wooden wishing well and unique holiday decorations made by a wood master in the Raymore/Belton community, a tool bag full of tools, a table top grill with utensils, a bird feeder/bird food, KC Royals oil painting by a local artist, "Dessert Of The Month" and many more prizes!"

The Dessert of the Month has been a very popular prize. Desserts are created by our excellent Foxwood bakers, and their recipes will be given to the winner.

DOOR PRIZES

The Door Prizes will be drawn every hour - this year; you do not have to be present to win. The prize winning numbers will be written on a flip chart in Bromwell and people can come by after completing Festival shopping, eating and enjoying the sites and sounds of the Fall Festival! If your number is on the flip chart, your door prize will be awarded. We have movie theater tickets, food gift cards from MANY area merchants, free oil changes, mugs, gifts of products from merchants, CD's and more!

MINIATURE PONIES

Donna Wallis says, "On Saturday morning at 10 a.m., we will be visited by Chris Fox, Physical Therapy Assistant at Foxwood Springs, with his Therapeutic Miniature Ponies! These are adorable ponies that are being trained as companion and service animals for people with disabilities. They are fancy and proud animals that are so gentle and adorable!"

While the pony show is going on in front of the main building, there will be entertainment by John Hendershot, guitar player who will do a variety of vocals, including country western and gospel. Some of his CD's will be Door Prizes as well.

Come and join us, bring your family, we know you will have a great time!

HOLMES HALL

BAKE SHOP

Betty Wilkerson and Earl Cooper have worked with many volunteers to provide items for this venue. As usual, our Bake Shop has many different items for sale. Betty Wilkerson says, "we will have apple, blackberry, cherry, pecan, and zucchini pies; angel food, buttermilk, chocolate, spice and zucchini cakes; dinner rolls, date, pumpkin and zucchini breads; many kinds of cookies, including chocolate

chip, oatmeal, Snicker Doodles; different kinds of candy. We will also have jellies, jams, bread and butter and lime pickles, pickled okra, Nell's mustard, and much more".

They will also have a Chocolate Chip Pecan Bourbon pie! Come early each day because this is a very popular venue, and you will want to look for your favorites while the supply lasts.

BOOK NOOK

Barbara Peden and Carole Mocker, and their volunteers have prepared an excellent selection of books for the 2018 Festival. Barbara says, "We are looking forward to seeing all of you. The Book Nook is full of primarily fiction, separated into General, Mystery, and Religious. We also have Religion and Inspiration, History, Bio, and other non-fiction categories. And a section of Christmas books and CDs. Most books are \$2, oversize, coffee-table books are \$3, paperbacks are \$1, and some items priced as marked. Or fill a plastic grocery bag for \$10, and really save! A good way to shop for Christmas gifts!"

Some of our books are current because our generous donors frequently give us multiple copies of the latest books so we have some in the Library and will sell additional copies.

HOLIDAY SHOP

Barbara Crouse and Darlene Boehm and their Holiday Shop volunteers have been working each week since the beginning of July to sort and price items for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have many Nativity sets, including one that is Native American. Some of their items would be excellent pre-Christmas gifts for family and friends who begin decorating early. Santa Claus is really coming to town early!

JEWELRY SHOP

Mary Lou McClure, Ruth Baird, and Joyce Giacceti and their Jewelry volunteers have been working with Jewelry donations since the first of May. They sort, clean, repair, and price the jewelry, and Mary Lou says they have a lot of choices to present to

you at the Festival. She says there is a lot of silver jewelry, and there are some nice older pieces. They have many jewelry boxes and also have a good selection of jewelry for little girls. They put jewelry that cannot be repaired in small bags and sell it to crafters who can convert it to new uses. They are very proud of the collection they have for sale this year and look forward to seeing both new and returning customers.

GIFT SHOP

With the help of the Boy Scouts on Wednesday, September 19, Donna Longhenry will transfer some sample items from the Gift Shop to Holmes Hall. This month, the Gift Shop is selling some of the good fabric that our residents and friends have donated to the shop. Some of this fabric will be available for sale in Holmes Hall during the Festival. The Gift Shop is located in Room 112C on the first floor of the apartments, and there will be additional items for sale from the Gift Shop and in the First Floor Lobby.

FOOD COURT

Donna Green and Jane Fisler Hoffman are the Food Court Chairs this year. We have tried to streamline this activity a little this year to make it easier for our volunteers and customers. We will not need as many servers, and it should be easier for people to carry their trays to the tables.

MENU

Sandwiches

Hamburgers, Brats, and Turkey Hot Dogs

Chips, Drinks, including water, iced tea, and soft drinks (as long as they last)

Lunch—\$6.00

Desserts

Cake, Pie, Cookies, etc.

\$2.00 for Dessert!).

Coffee will be available both days while the venues are open.

Our lunch desserts are very special. They are made by residents and friends of Foxwood Springs, and

there is a large variety from which to choose. The difficulty with dessert is which of the excellent desserts to choose. We may need to come both days to be able to make a final decision about which one(s) to select.

We appreciate our men who prepare the meat for our sandwiches. Customers who enter Holmes Hall each morning may find it difficult to wait for lunch if the men are already out there cooking. The Food Court is more than a meal. It provides an opportunity for residents to socialize with each other, with families of our friends who are visiting, and with our customers. It also gives some of our very busy workers a few minutes to sit down and rest.

BARGAIN BARN

Donna Saunders and her resident and non-resident volunteers work from March 1 to December 1 to raise funds for the Fellowship of John. Most of their items are extremely inexpensive, and they have many loyal customers. When they open in March, the line of customers who have missed them is long. They are usually open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., but they will be open until 4:00 the days of the Festival. Do not miss the many bargains always available at the Barn.

GIFT SHOP

Donna Longhenry and her volunteers are working in three areas for the Festival: Holmes Hall, the Gift Shop in Apt 112C, and the First Floor Lobby and the Breezeway. The Gift Shop is open all year from 9:00 to 3:00 but will be open until 4:00 for the Festival. The Shop will have its traditional merchandise, which is new, made primarily by residents, and includes: donated fabric for the September sale, the famous scrubbies, kitchen towels, walker bags, potato bags, heart shaped pot holders, micro-wave bowl cozies, kitchen towels with crocheted tops, dog bone neck pillows, adult bibs, etc. A new item this year is a cell phone bag for \$3.00 that can be worn around the neck and has a place for ID cards; won't lose your cell! In the

First Floor Lounge and the Breezeway, there will be trees for sale at \$5.00, Wreaths, and flower arrangements.

THRIFT SHOP AND FURNITURE GARAGES

The Thrift Shop and Furniture Garages are open throughout the year on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. Yvonne Paysinger, Al Morse, Lew Longhenry, and their volunteers are always very busy. Furniture sales are very important in this area because of the prices of furniture. This is a popular sales area.

The Thrift Shop has just placed winter clothing in the shop. Come and see Audrey Hepburn and her friends, the mannequins, who are wearing some of the clothes, But they are willing to change if you want to buy what they are wearing. There are always many excellent and unique items in the store. You may find several quality items without which you cannot live. They will sell the furniture in the shop if you find something you want. They have kitchen items, items that could supplement collections you have, many items to decorate your homes. If you or a family member are young and just starting out to furnish your home or apartment, this is a place you do not want to miss. You may find a treasure you have looked for but have not been able to find.

You can occasionally meet friends who are volunteers or customers with whom you can sit down and visit as if you were in your living room.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to express special thanks to Julie Jackson, daughter of Billy and Susan Jackson, who has donated many items from her parents' home to the Fellowship of John. Donna Saunders, her daughter, and many volunteers worked to prepare the items for sale, and they sold the items in the home during two days. The proceeds were \$4,500, and they have been credited to the Bargain Barn account. Thanks to Julie, to Donna and her daughter, and to the volunteers who helped for this wonderful donation to the Fellowship of John.

THANKS TO ALL

The Foxwood Springs Residents' Council wishes to express thanks to so many people and businesses which have contributed to the Fall Festival for 2018:

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the Boy Scout volunteers;
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We look forward to seeing all of our friends at Fall Festival 2018. Bring your friends and family members, and join us for this celebration.

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