



The Villages OF BENNING



Welcome Center
601 Lumpkin Road
(706)685-3939

East Main Post & Upatoi
104 Dial Street
(706)685-3925

Custer Village
180 Kessler Drive
(706)685-3930

Indianhead Village
109 Lavoie Street
(706)685-3933

Davis/Bouton Village
22B Johnston Court
(706)685-3940

McGraw Village
6000 Muscogee Creek Way
(706)685-3935

Patton Village
8460 Blackhorse Street
(706)610-5500

Porter Village
55 Lucas Ct
(706) 864-0486

DROP IN FOR A ...

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THE MOVIE™

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 TH, 2013
1- 3 PM
AT PATTON VILLAGE
RSVP TO [HBearnden@themichaelsorg.com](mailto:hbearnden@themichaelsorg.com)

EGGS and ART

Monday, March 25th
5 pm - 7 pm
at your Community Center

RSVP to Heather Bearden
By March 20th,
[at hbearnden@themichaelsorg.com](mailto:hbearnden@themichaelsorg.com)

Come paint! decorate an Easter Egg.
Please wear appropriate clothing, for painting.

Live SAFELY

Safety Tips For Daylight Saving Time



For most of the U.S. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on the second Sunday of March. This is a good time to take care of semi-annual home safety tasks. Here are a few tips to remember.

- Change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Check the contents of your home emergency kit. Replace anything that is outdated or needs to be replenished (including batteries). If you don't have a kit, put one together.
- Same for your car emergency kit.
- Check around your home for any hazardous materials that need to be discarded - make sure you dispose of them properly.
- Check your medicine chest and throw out any out dated medications. This goes for over the counter-meds too -- some can cause serious problems if they are used after their expiration date.
- Replace your smoke alarm if it is 10 years or older.
- Replace your CO alarm if it is five years or older.

Daylight Saving Times ends for most of the U.S. at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November. Making it a habit of running through these tips twice a year can help to make you and your family safer and more prepared.

-The Villages of Benning Management Team



Safety Inspections:

Safety Inspections will continue to the end of March 2013. Your Community Manager will notify you with more information.

Community Clean-Up

Be a team player, and work together to keep our neighborhoods looking their best.

Fort Benning:

Phone: (706) 685-3929

Work orders via e-mail:

bmaintenance@themichaelsorg.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MAINSCAPE

www.mainscape.com

Or 800-481-0096

Porter Village:

Phone: (866) 927-1384

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Irish Guinness Stew



Ingredients:

- 1 3-4 lb beef chuck roast, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon Lawry's seasoned salt
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3 carrots, washed and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 3 celery stalks, washed and cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 10 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 1 1/2 lb yukon gold potatoes, cleaned and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 12 oz can tomato paste
- 1 14 oz bottle Guinness Irish Stout
- 32 oz beef broth
- 2 cups frozen peas
- salt and pepper

Directions:

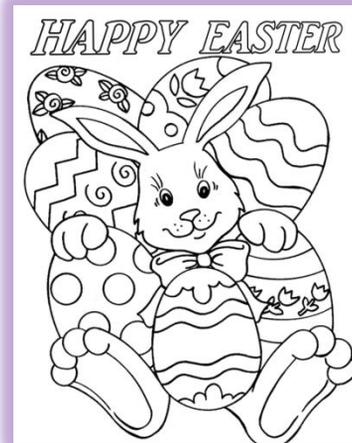
In a large bowl, toss beef with flour and seasoned salt; set aside. In a large stock pot, heat oil over medium high heat. Add beef and cook about 5 minutes, not stirring too often so meat browns on each side. Add carrots, celery, onion, garlic, potatoes, tomato paste, beer and beef broth. Give the stew a good stir and try to scrape up as many of the brown bits of bottom of pan as you can. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low, cover, and cook 2-3 hours, stirring occasionally. Stir in frozen peas and cook 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. You can serve immediately but this stew is best when made a day or two ahead.

COLORING

CONTEST

Click on photo below to print off this months coloring contest page.

Return your entry by March 15th to your community center.



Water Usage

Using less water is a twofor: you make your water heater work less and reduce the installation's water bill. There are plenty of small things you can do to conserve water and help avert future water shortages. If you ever wonder whether the small changes you make really matter, consider this: each of us uses an average of 100 gallons of water per day – enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses! Just think how much you water you can conserve if your whole family becomes more water wary. Here are some easy ways:

•**Cook smarter-** Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water.

•**Cold not hot-** When running the garbage disposal, use cold water instead of hot or warm.

•**Cold not hot; part 2-** When washing clothes, most detergents work just as well in cold water as in hot water. The only time to use warm or hot water is for clothes with tough stains. Even then, they should be pre-soaked and have something applied to the item to help with the stain.

•**Shorten the shower-** Take short showers instead of baths, and consider using a shower timer. To make it fun for kids, turn it into a game to see who can get the most "squeaky clean" in under three minutes!

•**Sweep it up-** Clean the driveway and sidewalk with a broom instead of a hose to save hundreds of gallons of water.

•**Look for leaks-** if you see a leaky faucet, toilet or a puddle of water, notify the maintenance office.

•**Tap out-** Instead of letting the tap run until water gets cold, keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator, and use it to refill certified reusable water bottles instead of opting for single-use plastic ones.

•**Tap in-** Place a bucket in your shower to capture the water that runs while you're waiting for it to get hot. Use the water to water plants.

•**Go to a carwash-** Water in most car washes is reclaimed (re-used) so the total amount of freshwater used is reduced.

•**Turn It Off!**- As with all conservation tips, the best tip is simply turn it off while shaving, washing hands, brushing your teeth, etc.

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Clover Leaf Lei

Materials:

- String/ Yarn
- Cut Up Straws
- Hole Punch
- Scissors
- Paper Clovers (Cut out of construction paper)



Instructions:

1. Cut out some clover leaves in varying colors and patterns from cardstock/construction paper.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each clover leaf. Depending on the width of your straws you might need to use a smaller than normal hole punch or poke your own holes so the straws don't slip through.
3. Cut a length of string/yarn and alternate stringing the paper clovers plus straw pieces.
4. When its long enough, tie the ends of your string together and that's it! So easy and definitely a crowd pleaser with the kids!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Custer McDonald Upatoi	2
3	4 Bouton Indianhead Upatoi	5	6 Bouton Indianhead	7	8 Bouton Indianhead East Main	9
10	11 East Main Davis Hill	12	13 Davis Hill	14	15 Davis Hill HOP The Movie	16
17	18 McGraw Patton	19	20 McGraw Patton	21	22 McGraw Patton Good Friday	23
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*** Policy Administrator Schedule**

In Your Area Events

Ft Benning:

March 14- 17, Disney On Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy. At Columbus Civic Center, for more information visit www.disneyonice.com

3rd Annual Kids Camp & Summer Fun Fair, March 24. From 1:00 - 4:30 pm at the National Infantry Museum. For more information visit <http://www.muscogeemoms.com/kids-camp-fair/>

Porter Village:

March 31st, Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch at Forrest Hill Resort, at 2pm. For more information visit <http://www.forrethillsresort.com>

Upcoming Events

April

Teen Fit Camp- Ft Benning
Pretty Pots- Ft Benning and Porter Village

May

Mary Kay: Mother/ Daughter- Ft Benning
Spring Spruce-Up- Ft Benning and Porter Village

RESIDENT REMINDERS:

1. Bus stop areas are located in each neighborhood, please be courteous and safe by using these designated areas while waiting for the bus.
2. All pets must be registered at the on-post veterinarian, this is required for anyone living in on-post housing.
3. For your safety and security, lock all doors and vehicles when not in use or at home.



Each year The Villages of Benning offers educational scholarship opportunities to our residents, through The Michaels Organization Foundation.

Deadline for submission is May 17th, 2013

For more information about the program, visit

http://www.themichaelsorg.com/sites/default/files/The%20Michaels%202013_o.pdf
or applications are also available at your local village management office.



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