



## Sheridan Spotlight

By Melba Castillo

What a wonderful time in their life for Joyce and Eldon Ohm who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

They were married on June 27, 1944 in Houston.

They have three wonderful sons, Larry Ohm, Steve Ohm and Tommy Ohm.

They have seven grandchildren, and eight great, great grandchildren.

Joyce and Eldon moved to Sheridan after their retirement in 1985.

Joyce was employed as an Assistant Vice President at 1st Pasadena State Bank for many years and Eldon worked as an outside salesman for McKesson Drug Company.

The Ohm's, who love to take RV trips, left for a weekend trip last Friday to Llano, Texas to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with good friends.

Just because you turn eighty doesn't mean you can't have any more birthday parties.

If you are young at heart, how about five parties!

Joyce recently celebrated her 80th birthday on May 25, 2009.

On Thursday, May 21, her next door neighbors, Dixie and Billy Koonce baked her first birthday

cake.

She celebrated her second party with her son Steve and his wife, Pam in Pasadena, on Friday, May 22; had a third party with her son, Larry and his wife, Mary in Crosby, on Saturday, May 23; a fourth party with the whole family at Clifton By The Sea restaurant in Baycliff, Texas on Sunday, May 24 and ended up celebrating their fifth party with dear friends, Betty and Charlie Lyons in Chester, Texas with a birthday cake at each celebration. Whew! What live wires!

Congratulations Joyce and Eldon may you have many, many more birthdays and anniversaries.

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The Sheridan Go-Getters Club recently took a beautiful countryside drive to see the historical painted churches in Freyburg, High Hill, Praha and Dubina.

The ladies then had a lovely lunch at Robert's restaurant in Schulenburg.

Enjoying lunch and wonderful company were Rose Thumann, Irene Hagendorf, Melba Castillo, Kathy Ricks, Dixie Koonce, Helen Brisco, Dixie Vetuski and Zeld Walker.

Afterwards, Blue Bell ice cream!

## It's The 70th Anniversary of WWII: America Remembers...

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of World War Two and Americans continue to be gripped by this tumultuous period in our nation's history.

In addition to commemorations nationwide, there are dozens of films and books that have been or are being released, bringing the war home for millions of Americans.

"It was a period of enormous personal glory and sacrifice. American was unselfishly helping the world to liberate itself from the tyranny of Fascism.

And the conclusion of the war represented a clear victory for a country who thinks of itself as a proud and brave people," points out Gordon Zuckerman author of the new historical novel, "The Sentinels: Fortunes of War," explaining the war's continued popularity.

From the Tom Cruise thriller "Valkyrie" and the Spike Lee directed flick, "Miracle at St. Anna," both of which opened late last year, to this year's Quentin Tarantino directed "Inglourious Basterds" starring Brad Pitt, WWII-themed movies continue to garner big audiences.

And such films also translate into awards, with Kate Winslet winning a Best Actress Oscar this year for "The Reader."

When it comes to books, the war continues to take center stage for both fiction and non-fiction audiences.

Some of this year's more intriguing titles include:

\* "The Third Reich at War" by Richard Evans: The third and final volume in Evans's non-fiction trilogy on Nazi Germany depicts the rise and fall of German military might from the onset of the war to its conclusion.

The book interweaves narrative of the war with personal tales from generals, front-line soldiers, Hitler Youth and middle-class housewives.

The destruction of Nazi Germany is all here, incorporating the war's battles and events as well as the daily experiences of ordinary Germans.

For more information, visit [www.RichardJEvans.com](http://www.RichardJEvans.com).

\* "The Sentinels: Fortunes of War" by Gordon Zuckerman: This thriller doesn't center on what most WWII books tend to cover, such as violent battle scenes or depravity in concentration camps.

Instead, it focuses on the role money may have played in Hitler's rise and how a few idealists try to use it to stop the world's most maniacal man.

It's a fascinating theory of how Hitler came to power and a believable scenario of how six amateurs tried to pull off the biggest robbery ever.

The novel delves heavily into how money played a key role in Hitler's attempt of world domination and how the loss of it helped bring him down, speculating about what may have been the real story behind the war's beginnings.

For more information, visit [www.GordonZuckerman.com](http://www.GordonZuckerman.com).

\* "Chewing Gum, Candy Bars, and Beer: The Army Px in World War II" by James J. Cooke: It's been said armies travel on their stomachs and GIs in WWII certainly had unique chow.

Dedicated to the military stores that supplied them with small pieces of home, this study takes a different approach to telling a war story.

Indeed, many of the small comforts they enjoyed in civilian

life - such as chocolate, cigarettes and gum - made our soldiers more popular with local residents in different countries.

Cooke traces the evolution of the Px from the point of view of those who ran it and the soldiers who used it.

Could the war have been averted? And what have we learned since?

Historians have been debating this for the last 70 years, and if this year's slate of films and books is any indication, so has the Ameri-



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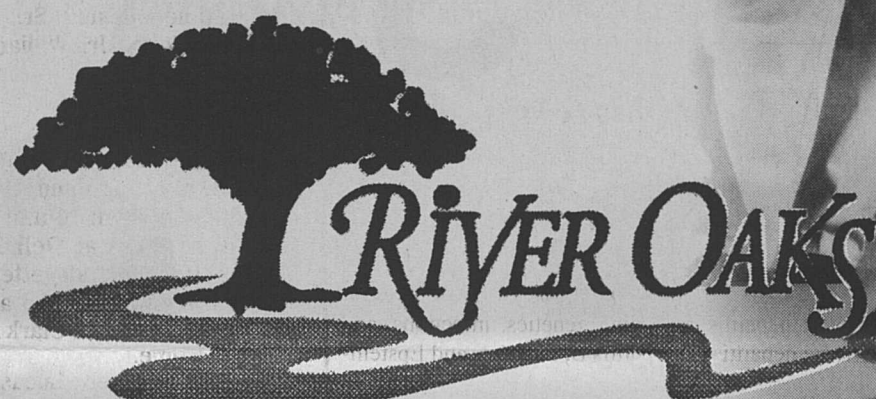
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## Quick, Easy Summer Meals On A Budget

Summer cooking is all about keeping your cool.

It's time to churn out meals quickly and easily - so you can keep the temperature down in your kitchen and spend time taking advantage of the season, not stuck at the oven.

Now more than ever, families are trying to keep food bills down.

So anything you can do to save money on meal preparation is definitely welcome this summer.

There are several tips and tricks you can employ to make fun, healthy meals that are quick, easy and inexpensive.

"Saving time and money on summer cooking is as simple as taking advantage of ingredients and appliances you already have in your home.

For instance, your microwave can be a great time-saver and you can double-up on the time savings by cooking one-dish recipes in it like dips and chili," says Ken Megarr, a chef and Director of Panasonic's Test Kitchens.

Here's how to make summer cooking a breeze, according to Megarr:

\* **Raid Your Own Pantry:** Use ingredients you already have and supplement them with a special seasonal ingredient.

For instance, you can combine spinach, cream cheese, mayonnaise, grated Parmesan, milk and seasonings with jumbo lump crabmeat to whip-up a Maryland Crab Dip.

Chances are you already have most of the ingredients and just need to stop by the store for crab meat.

Use imitation crab meat (whitefish) to save a few extra dollars.

A few minutes in the microwave and your dish is ready.

\* **Get Creative with Your Microwave:** Your microwave shouldn't just be for reheating.

Save time by getting creative and using it to make dishes traditionally cooked on the grill or stove.

You even can use it to churn out barbecue favorites if it's raining or you don't want to spend time prepping and cleaning the grill.

Some BBQ sauce and pork

can become a seasonal Pulled Pork dish after simmering in the microwave.

The experts at The Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and Panasonic have developed several free recipes for the microwave - including one for North Carolina Barbecued Pulled Pork.

Visit [www.panasonic.com/inverter](http://www.panasonic.com/inverter) to check them out.

\* **Stir-Fry and a Salad:** When you're crunched for time, don't opt for convenience foods.

Make them yourself. Boil some water, toss in some pasta, prepare a salad and you're done.

Top your pasta with stir-fried vegetables. Different spices and oils can jazz it up.

\* **Use Technology to Your Advantage:** When cooking with your microwave, don't just use it on the high setting.

Different power settings can enable you to quickly cook delicate dishes, such as fish and chowders.

For instance, Panasonic's "Inverter technology" allows for an always-on, constant energy flow at variable intensities.

Consistent and precise heat means more control over cooking, reheating and defrosting with more even results and no overcooked edges.

\* **Cook and Serve in One Dish:** Prepare and serve dishes in the same bowl.

A crab or spinach dip can go from the kitchen to the microwave to the table in one dish.

Steaming vegetables in a bowl can cut cooking time while enabling you to serve them in the same bowl.

And here's the best part; because of the short cook time and minimal amount of water, you maximize nutrients!

Foods cooked in a microwave retain more nutrients than virtually any other cooking method.

Try poaching fruit in wine for a tasty one-dish dessert.

For seasonal recipes, videos featuring key microwave cooking techniques, demos by CIA chefs and tips from Chef Megarr," visit [www.panasonic.com/inverter](http://www.panasonic.com/inverter).

"Get fast and creative, simply by using tools you already have in your kitchen," urges Megarr.

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