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VC Middle School Drama Boosters are Cooking Up Events to Celebrate Valley Center's Sesquicentennial!

Valley Center Middle School's Drama Boosters Sesquicentennial Celebration plans are in full swing already as they begin pre-production of their Spring Musical for 2012. The Middle School students will be performing the Roger's and Hammerstein American theatrical Classic, *Oklahoma!*, based on the book *Green Grow the Lilacs* by Lynn Riggs, which romanticized and idealized the old frontier. Set in 1906, a love story based in Indian Territory unveils as a rivalry between local ranchers and farmers develops as they struggle for control of the Oklahoma Territory after the implementation of the Homestead Act. This narrative underscores the journey of the territory toward progress, community, and statehood; much like the history of Valley Center.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed the historic measure known as the Homestead Act. That action opened portions of the West, including the area that would become Valley Center, to permanent settlement. According to statute, a citizen over twenty-one years of age and head of a family could claim up to 160 acres of surveyed, unclaimed public domain. Title to the land could be established after the homesteader resided on the land for five years, made certain improvements, and paid claim registration fees. Before that date, the region had been home primarily to Native Americans and owners of the Mexican land-grant parcel known as Rancho Guejito.

In keeping with this celebration of Valley Center's founding and history, the Valley Center Middle School Drama Boosters (VCMSDB) are compiling a community cookbook to include historical stories of the area, pictures, and people's favorite recipes. The main hope is to include recipes and stories that have been handed down for generations, sharing the great history that Valley Center owns. Founder of the cookbook project and VCMSDB Co-Vice President Michael Pennell explains that "There's a rich history that is part of Valley Center and what better way to share it than over a meal! It's fantastic the way that food tells and preserves history and that families share their unique stories through food." The group is hoping to make this an all inclusive community project by including not only family recipes, stories and pictures; but also the favorite recipes, stories, and pictures of local restaurants.

Anybody can be a part of this culinary and historical project, but hurry! The deadline for submissions is November 30, 2011. Be sure to include a name and contact information in case there are any clarifications on the information that you provide.

Items to Include:

- Name of the recipe
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