

Getting to know one of your locally owned Sanpete County businesses

Any time you 'just don't want to cook' is a good time to call Sapphire Catering

MORONI—Kathy Ramirez and her eight children came to Utah from Mexico with a duffle bag, the clothes on their backs, a laptop, and a box of genealogy records.

After working as a bus driver in Orem, two and a half year ago she found the home she wanted for her family, in Moroni, and got a job that was just right for her: as the main cook for Pitman Farms turkey processing plant.

She also wanted a location for her family that she could find employment for Amber, who is on the autism spectrum. “Amber works in the processing plant, and I like being close to her to help support her,” Ramirez says.

With those elements in place, five months ago she re-

cently launched her own businesses on the side: Sapphire Catering. “I’ve always wanted to do catering,” Ramirez says.

She is also an artist, painting with pastels, and says she loves being creative with food, as well as cooking it well. “Making food look good is an art, not just making it taste good,” she says.

She will cater parties, weddings, funerals, reunions and business meetings, in fact, anytime “You just don’t want to cook!” she says. She can cook anything, and make it taste great.

What’s her favorite thing to cook? “Everything, at least once,” she chuckles, “My goal is to make something that will make everyone happy.”

So far she has gone mostly

by word of mouth for publicity. “I catered a funeral, and got a referral there to cater the South Sanpete School District office party recently.”

Sapphire Catering takes its name from a gem, and in fact, all her children’s girls’ names are either gems or flowers: Jasmine, Amber, Crystal Rose, Crimson Blossom, Mariana Azucena (which means Lily), Ruby, and Esmerelda. Son Zachary is not named after a gem!

Cooking is in her blood. She grew up in a small town in New Hampshire, and spent time in Mexico owning a bakery in the state of Guanajuato.

She prefers small towns, and is very happy in Moroni. While living in Orem renting a house that she couldn’t afford,



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Kathy Ramirez (right), and her daughter Jasmine prepare a catered meal for the South Sanpete School District staff at their annual end-of-school dinner celebration.

she found just the right home, near the North Sanpete Middle School, on the edge of town, where she could gaze out over fields.

She has a few goats, and loves the river that runs near her house. “I love the view, and I also love having my own place,” she says.

Some of her children originally struggled with the decision. 14-year-old Mariana protested, “I can’t go live with all those cowboy hicks. They all wear camo shirts and cowboy boots.”

Now, Mariana wears camo shirts herself, and likes it. The Ramirez family has happily settled in, and with six children still at home, Kathy is very content.

“I would like to expand my business, but first I have to get it going on a solid foundation,” she says. She can be reached at

436-8211, ext. 130, or by cell phone 801-623-1679. She also can be found on Facebook at Facebook-Sapphire Catering.

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At a recent birthday party with a farm theme, Kathy came up with Rice Krispies hay bales, pig and cow cupcakes and a farm cake, and pastries that look like baby chick eggs (some with legs).