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# Time for Giving

## Happy Thoughts At Holiday Time



Leah S. Dunaief  
Publisher

When I started to update this introduction, it occurred to me how much progress we have made toward a return to “normalcy.” At this time of giving thanks, we have so much to be thankful for. We are rerunning a previous column as proof. Happy Thanksgiving! LSD

Time for Giving, the catalogue you hold in your hands or are viewing on the web, is a package of hope. In its pages are gifts for the holiday season that arrives every year, regardless of what else may be happening. These gifts are symbols of caring, of love, of normal.

Help is on the way. We are about to be rescued by science. We now know that a vaccine will be available sometime in the next year. That should begin to restore

life as we have known it pre-virus. There eventually will be a happy end in sight to this bizarre time.

We can all agree, it’s been a tough year. That certainly includes for those small business owners and professionals trying to survive in our villages. Many have been deemed nonessential and have shut down for part of what I call, pandemic-time. Others that have remained open have seen their customer base slip down to a trickle, as worried people shelter in place. And what seemed like an improvement of the monster in the summer is returning, as predicted, to torture us again as we face the cold weather of late fall and winter.

Take heart. We may not be able to hug our loved ones and dear friends this season of joy and light, but we can send them cards and perhaps gifts, as we always have, to carry our affection and let them know they are a presence in our lives. COVID-19 has taken away a lot from us, but it can’t take away what we want to express to those

who matter to us.

We have tried to be of help by doing what we do every year at this time. We have assembled listings of goods and services that we hope will make your search for the appropriate gifts easier. At the same time as you make your selections, please note that these stores and offices are local. They are pillars of our community whose owners serve our needs with their products and their support for local causes. If you do not wish to go inside their places of businesses, they will surely be willing to bring your orders out to the curb for you if you phone or email.

And as you shop and rejoice in the deeper meaning of the season, please know that you carry our best wishes for your good health and a brighter future in the year to come.

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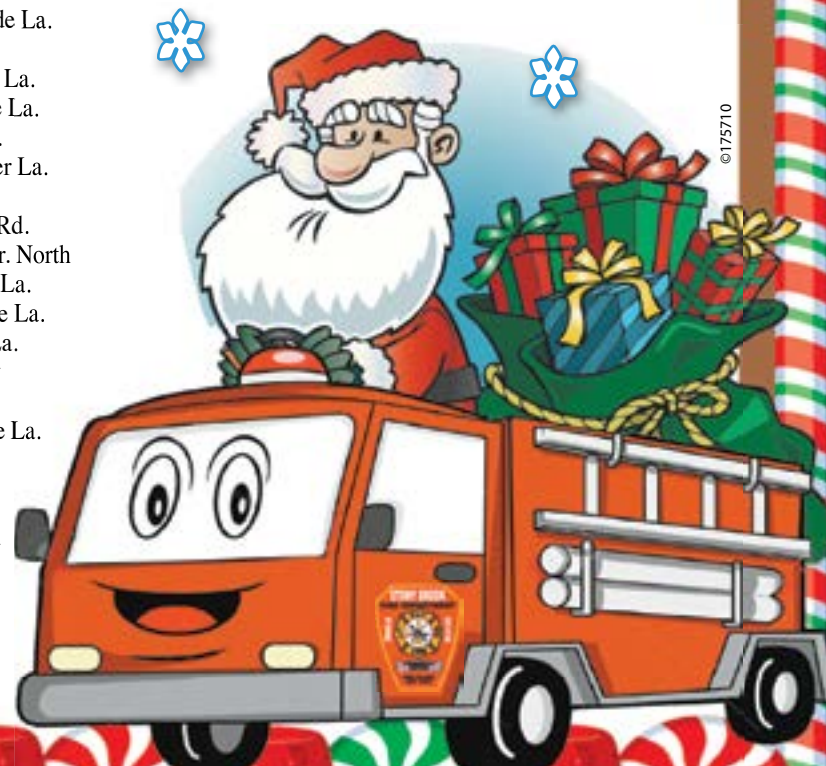
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### ❄️ **STATION ONE AREA. NORTH OF R.R. RIGHT OF WAY**

- |                                    |                               |                                   |   |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Station #1 right onto Shore Rd. | 15. Left onto Christian Ave.  | 29. Continue on Quaker Path       | 43. Left onto Whitford Rd.                            | 56. Left onto Mount Rd.  |
| 2. Right onto Sand St.             | 16. Left onto Woodfield Rd.   | 30. Right onto Houghton Blvd.     | 44. Right onto Hawkins Rd.                            | 57. Left onto Dogwood Dr.  |
| 3. Left onto Christian Ave.        | 17. Right onto Hawks Nest Rd. | 31. Left onto Woodbine Ave.       | 45. Left onto Main St.                                | 58. Left onto Stony Brook Rd.  |
| 4. Left onto Erland Rd.            | 18. Right onto Woodfield Rd.  | 32. Left onto Laurel Ave.         | 46. Left onto Lotowana La.<br>(smaller vehicles only) | 59. Left onto Dairy Farm Rd.   |
| 5. Left onto West Meadow La.       | 19. Left onto Lubber St.      | 33. Straight onto Poplar St.      | 47. Left onto 25A East                                | 60. Right onto Catalpa to Mills Rd.  |
| 6. Left onto Wells La.             | 20. Left onto Black Duck Dr.  | 34. Right onto Cedar St.          | 48. Left onto Beacon Hill Dr.                         | 61. Left onto Mills Rd.  |
| 7. Left onto Christian Ave.        | 21. Left onto Night Heron Dr. | 35. Left onto Blinker Light Rd.   | 49. Right onto 25A West                               | 62. Left onto Davidia La.  |
| 8. Right onto Oak St.              | 22. Left onto Lubber St.      | 36. Left onto Stony Brook Ave.    | 50. Right onto Wellington Dr.                         | 63. Right onto Acorn La.   |
| 9. Left onto Valley Rd.            | 23. Left onto Quaker Path     | 37. Left onto Hollow Rd.          | 51. Left onto Ashleigh Dr.                            | 64. Right onto Elm La.   |
| 10. Right onto Dogwood Rd.         | 24. Left onto Mt. Grey Rd.    | 38. Right onto Suffolk Ave.       | 52. Left onto 25A East                                | 65. Left onto Mills Rd. onto Aspen La.<br>onto Acorn La. around to Mills Rd. |
| 11. Left onto Hillsvie Rd.         | 25. Left onto Old Wood Rd.    | 39. Left onto Maple Ave.          | 53. Right onto Stony Brook Rd.                        | 66. Left onto Beech La.  |
| 12. Right onto Valley Rd.          | 26. Right onto West Rd.       | 40. Left onto Brooklyn Ave.       | 54. Left onto Nadworny La. to end                     | 67. Left onto Acorn La.  |
| 13. Right onto Christian Ave.      | 27. Right onto North Rd.      | 41. Left onto Hollow Rd.          | 55. Right onto Cedar Dr.                              | 68. Right onto Mills Rd.   |
| 14. Left onto Salt Meadow La.      | 28. Right onto Mt. Grey Rd.   | 42. Left onto Forsythe Meadow La. |   | 69. Right onto Stony Brook Rd.   |

### ❄️ **STATION TWO AREA. SOUTH OF R.R. RIGHT OF WAY**

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|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Station #2 right onto Stony Brook Rd.                | 25. Left onto Medley La.           | 50. Left onto Meadow Dr.                              |
| 2. Left onto Marion Ave.                                | 26. Left onto Millbrook Dr.        | 51. Right onto Mapleshade La.                         |
| 3. Right onto Oxhead Rd.                                | 27. Right onto Mystic Way          | 52. Right onto Media La.                              |
| 4. Right onto Glenridge Ave.                            | 28. Left onto Millbrook Dr.        | 53. Left onto Manchester La.                          |
| 5. Left onto Stony Brook Rd.                            | 29. Left onto Millstream La.       | 54. Left onto Mapleshade La.                          |
| 6. Left onto Annadale Rd.                               | 30. Left onto Mosshill Pl.         | 55. Right on Meadow La.                               |
| 7. Right onto Oxhead Rd.                                | 31. Right onto Magnet St.          | 56. Right onto Manchester La.                         |
| 8. Right onto Pembroke Dr.                              | 32. Right onto Singingwood La.     | 57. Left on Memory Way                                |
| 9. Right onto Bowen Pl.                                 | 33. Right onto Manchester La.      | 58. Left on Stony Brook Rd.                           |
| 10. Left onto Parsons Dr.                               | 34. Right onto Lynbrook Rd.        | 59. Right onto College Dr. North                      |
| 11. Right onto Stony Brook Rd.                          | 35. Left onto Westwood Dr.         | 60. Right onto Freshman La.                           |
| 12. Right onto Perigee Dr. North                        | 36. Left onto Magnet St.           | 61. Right onto Ivy League La.                         |
| 13. Across Stony Brook Rd. to Olney Way                 | 37. Left onto Malvern La.          | 62. Left onto Fraternity La.                          |
| 14. Left onto Orbit Dr.                                 | 38. Left on Maureen La.            | 63. Right onto University<br>Heights Dr.              |
| 15. Right onto Onyx Dr.                                 | 39. Right on Madeley La.           | 64. Right onto Sophomore La.                          |
| 16. Right onto Olympia La.                              | 40. Right onto Malvern (old) La.   | 65. Left onto<br>Ivy League La.                       |
| 17. Left onto Orbit Dr.                                 | 41. Left onto Manor La.            | 66. Left onto College Dr.                             |
| 18. Left onto Hallock Rd.                               | 42. Left onto Hallock Rd.          | 67. Right onto University<br>Heights Dr.              |
| 19. Right onto Hallock Meadow La.                       | 43. Left onto Stony Brook Rd.      | 68. Left onto<br>Stony Brook Rd.<br>to Dairy Farm Rd. |
| 20. Right onto Hallock Rd.<br>Strathmore Gate Community | 44. Left onto Memory Way           |   |
| 21. Left onto Millbrook Dr.                             | 45. Left onto Manchester La.       |   |
| 22. Left onto Marwood Pl.                               | 46. Right onto Meadow Dr.          |   |
| 23. Left onto Maymont La.                               | 47. Left onto Madeley La.          |   |
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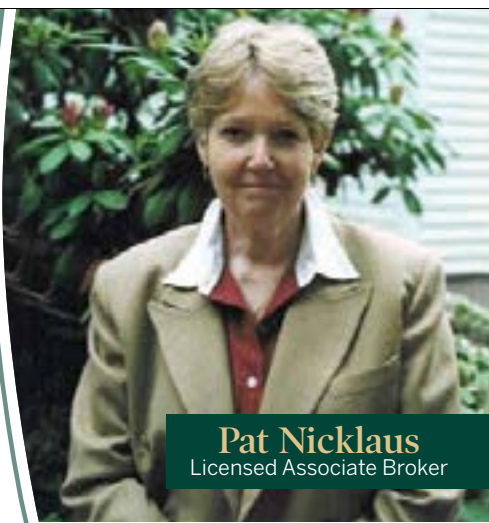
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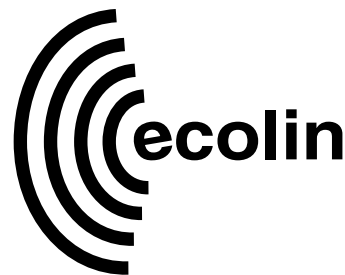
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### Easy Salmon Cakes

*Recipe courtesy of Amanda Foote*

**YIELD:** Serves 4

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 pound canned salmon, flaked
- 1/2 cup gluten-free bread crumbs
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill, plus extra for garnish
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lemon, quartered, for garnish

**DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, mix the salmon and bread crumbs. In a small bowl, whisk together the egg, mustard, dill, salt, and pepper. Fold this into the salmon and bread crumbs. Form the salmon mixture into 4 patties and place them on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 5 minutes, flip, and bake for 5 minutes more, until the patties are golden. Garnish with fresh dill and lemon.

## Main course and sides

### Slow Cooker Spiced-Cranberry Pork

*Recipe courtesy of MetroCreative*

**YIELD:** Serves 8

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3 1/2 to 4 pound pork shoulder
- 1 6-oz can jellied cranberry sauce
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Salt to taste

**DIRECTIONS:**

Trim fat from pork roast, if necessary. Place roast in 4- to 6-quart slow cooker. Use wire whisk to stir together cranberry sauce and sugar in medium bowl. Stir in juice, mustard, cloves and pepper until well combined. Pour cranberry mixture over roast in slow cooker. Cover slow cooker and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours or until pork roast is tender. Season roast to taste with salt; serve juices with roast.



### Cheesy Herb Sourdough Stuffing

*Recipe courtesy of Gaby Dalkin of 'What's Gaby Cooking'*

**YIELD:** Makes

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 loaf sourdough bread with crust, cut into 1-inch cubes (roughly 8 cups)
- 10 tablespoons butter
- 2 shallots, finely sliced
- 2 celery stalks, finely chopped
- 2 bunches green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
- 3 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups chicken broth, divided
- 6 ounces coarsely grated Parmesan cheese

**DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat oven to 375 F. On large, rimmed baking sheet, spread ripped or cubed bread. Bake until bread is dry, about 15 minutes. Cool. Leave oven on.

In heavy skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add shallots and celery; saute 5-6 minutes. Add green onions, parsley, oregano, sage, thyme, garlic, salt and pepper; saute until celery is tender, 6-8 minutes.

Generously grease large skillet or ceramic baking dish. Place bread cubes in large bowl. Add warm vegetable mixture; toss to combine.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and 3/4 cup broth. Add egg mixture to stuffing and toss to coat. Mix in Parmesan.

Add 1/2-3/4 cup broth to stuffing if dry. Transfer to skillet or ceramic baking dish. Cover with buttered foil. Bake 30 minutes. Remove foil; bake until golden, about 30 minutes. Serve in baking vessel or transfer to serving platter.





# Main course and sides



## Cornish Game Hen with Sweet Potato Kale Salad

*Recipe courtesy of Family Features*

**YIELD:** Serves 4

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 package (6 ounces) stovetop stuffing
- 2 cups chopped apples, divided
- 4 Cornish game hens
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning, divided
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 package Sweet Kale Chopped Kit

**DIRECTIONS:**

Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare stuffing according to package directions. Add 1 cup apples and fluff stuffing with fork; cool 15 minutes.

Remove anything inside hens, rinse cavity with cold water and pat dry.

In small saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Add 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, garlic powder and pepper; mix well. Remove from heat.

Fill cavity of each hen with apple stuffing. Place hens in 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish. Tie legs together and tuck wings under. Baste with butter mixture. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until thermometer inserted in thickest part of thigh reads 165 F and stuffing temperature reads 165 F. Baste with butter mixture every 15-20 minutes.

In bowl, toss sweet potatoes with remaining Italian seasoning and olive oil. Arrange in single layer on sheet pan. Sprinkle with salt, to taste.

Bake with hens 25 minutes, or until tender. Remove from oven and cool. Tent hens with foil and let rest 10 minutes.

Place greens from salad kit in large bowl. Add remaining apples and sweet potatoes; mix well. Toss with salad dressing. Add toppings; toss to combine. Serve Cornish game hens with sweet potato kale salad.



## Irresistible Basil Mashed Potatoes

*Recipe courtesy of 'Yummy Potatoes' by Marlena Spieler*

**YIELD:** Serves 4 to 6

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 pounds floury, baking-type potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- Salt
- 2 to 3 cups fresh basil leaves of any type
- 2 cups heavy (whipping) cream or half-and-half
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Black pepper

**DIRECTIONS:**

Place the potatoes in a saucepan and fill with water to cover. Add a big pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook, covered, for about 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are just tender. Drain, return to the heat and shake for a few minutes to dry them out; turn off the heat, cover the pan and keep warm.

Meanwhile, blanch the basil. Plunge it into a saucepan of boiling water, cook a moment or two until the leaves wilt and slightly change color and lift out of the pot using a slotted spoon, then plunge into a bowl of ice water. Leave for about five minutes or until it turns brightly colored, then lift from the ice water.

Heat the cream in a saucepan until bubbles form around the edge of the pan.

Squeeze the basil in your hands gently to rid it of excess water from cooking. Place in a food processor and whirl to purée. Slowly pour the hot cream into this puréed basil and whirl until it forms a fragrant, pale green cream.

Coarsely mash the potatoes with a masher, then add the basil cream and mash it in; work in the butter, and season to taste with salt and pepper. If you're serving duck or lamb, serve the potatoes with a drizzle of the port reduction around the edge.



## Popovers with Cranberry Butter

*Recipe courtesy of Shereen Pavlides (@CookingwithShereen)*

**YIELD:** Makes 6 popovers

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 1/3 cups whole milk
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons avocado or vegetable oil
- nonstick cooking spray

*Cranberry Butter:*

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons cranberry sauce
- 1 pinch salt

**DIRECTIONS:**

To make popovers: In large bowl, whisk flour, salt, milk and eggs until silky smooth. Add oil and whisk to combine. Transfer to pourable pitcher, cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours, or overnight. Heat oven to 375 F. Place 6-cup popover pan in oven 10 minutes.

Remove pan and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Stir batter, divide and pour into cups, filling each 3/4 full. Bake until puffed high and cooked through, 45-50 minutes.

To make cranberry butter: In medium bowl, mix butter, cranberry sauce and salt until well combined.

Remove popovers from oven and serve with cranberry butter.



### Gingerbread Cupcakes with Whipped Vanilla Buttercream

Recipe courtesy of Megan Gundy of 'Whats Megan Making'

**YIELD:** Serves 20

**INGREDIENTS:**

- Cupcakes:*
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 1/2 tablespoons ground ginger
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter, at room temperature

- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- 4 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

- Whipped Vanilla Buttercream:*
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 4 cups powdered sugar
  - 2-4 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
  - 1 pinch salt
  - cinnamon, for topping

**DIRECTIONS:**

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 350 F. Line muffin pan with cupcake liners. Set aside.

*To make cupcakes:* In medium bowl, whisk flour, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt.

In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add molasses and beat until incorporated. Beat in eggs, one at a time, then beat in vanilla. Add flour mixture and mix on low speed until just combined.

Divide batter evenly among muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full. Bake 30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center cupcake comes out clean or with moist crumbs. Let cupcakes cool 10 minutes then transfer to wire rack to cool completely.

*To make whipped vanilla buttercream:* In large bowl of stand mixer, beat butter on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add vanilla and, with mixer on low, slowly add in powdered sugar, cream and salt, scraping down sides of bowl as needed. Once incorporated, whip frosting at least 3 minutes on medium-high or high speed. If frosting is too thick, gradually beat in additional cream. Pipe on top of cooled cupcakes and sprinkle with cinnamon.



## Bake up a sweet holiday treat

### Cranberry Orange Bread Pudding

Recipe courtesy of Kirsten Kubert of 'Comfortably Domestic'

**YIELD:** Serves 12

**INGREDIENTS:**

- Pudding:*
- 1 loaf Texas toast or day-old bread
  - 1-2 tablespoons softened butter
  - 1 1/2 cups fresh cranberries
  - 6 eggs
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 3 1/2 cups 2% milk
  - 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest
  - 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
  - 1/4 cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1 1/2 tablespoons coarse granulated sugar (optional)

- Orange Custard Sauce:*
- 3 egg yolks
  - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1 cup half-and-half
  - 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

**DIRECTIONS:**

*To make pudding:* Cut bread into bite-sized cubes. If bread is soft and fresh, place cubes on half sheet pan and let stand at room temperature overnight to dry out.

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Grease 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with softened butter. Place bread cubes in prepared baking pan. Scatter cranberries over bread.

Beat eggs with sugar, milk, orange zest, orange juice, melted butter, vanilla and cinnamon until well blended. Pour evenly



over bread and cranberries to coat. Sprinkle with coarse sugar, if desired. Bake 60-65 minutes, or until custard is set and edges of bread are browned.

*To make orange custard sauce:* In small saucepan, whisk egg yolks with sugar until lightened to pale yellow color, about 2 minutes. Stir half-and-half into mixture until combined. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 15-20 minutes, or until sauce thickens enough to coat spoon. Stir orange zest into custard sauce. Serve bread pudding with warm custard sauce over top.

### Peppermint Cheesecake Brownies

Recipe courtesy of Sarah Bates of 'The Chef Next Door'

**YIELD:** Serves 16

**INGREDIENTS:**

- Nonstick cooking spray
- Cheesecake Batter:*
- 8 ounces low-fat cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

- Brownie Batter:*
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1/2 cup cocoa powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
  - 1/4 cup milk
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Topping*
- 1/2 cup peppermint baking pieces

**DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat oven to 350 F. Coat 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

*To make cheesecake batter:* Place cream cheese in bowl of stand mixer. Beat on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add sugar and peppermint extract; beat well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour and beat mixture until blended.

*To make brownie batter:* In medium bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder and salt until combined. In separate bowl, whisk sugar, oil, milk, eggs and vanilla until well combined. Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until blended.

Pour brownie batter evenly into prepared pan. Carefully pour cheesecake batter over top, spreading evenly. Carefully swirl layers together using knife tip. Bake 20 minutes. Sprinkle top of brownies with peppermint baking pieces and bake 10 minutes until brownies are set. Cool brownies before cutting into 16 squares.





# Bake up a sweet holiday treat

## Pumpkin Pie

Recipe courtesy of Emily Luchetti's  
'Classic Stars Desserts'

**YIELD:** Serves 8

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin purée
- 1 tablespoon rum
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 prebaked 9 1/2-inch pie crust

**DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar until blended. Add the corn syrup and whisk until smooth. Whisk in the cream, pumpkin purée, rum, cinnamon, ginger, and salt until well mixed. Pour into the prebaked pie crust.



Bake until the filling is set, about 30 minutes. Let cool to room temperature. Serve with the chantilly cream.

*Chef's Tip:* The pie may be made a day in advance, covered and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before serving.



## Ornament Cookies

Recipe courtesy of Family Features

**YIELD:** Makes 24 cookies

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 large egg
- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

*Royal Icing:*

- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder
- 1/3 cup, plus 2-3 tablespoons, warm water, divided
- desired food coloring

**DIRECTIONS:**

*To prepare cookies:* In large bowl, beat butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla and egg; beat until well combined. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour and salt; beat until just combined.

Dump mixture onto lightly floured surface and divide in half. Shape each half into disks and wrap with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

Working on lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/2-inch thick. Cut cookies using ornament-shaped cookie cutter. Place cookies on prepared pans and bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool at room temperature.

*To make royal icing:* In large mixing bowl, combine powdered sugar, meringue powder and 1/3 cup water. Beat on low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium-high and beat 8-10 minutes, adding 2-3 tablespoons warm water, as necessary. Icing should be stiff enough to hold peak when tested. Color royal icing with food coloring and decorate cookies.



## Bourbon Bacon Pecan Pie

Recipe courtesy of Emily Caruso  
of 'Jelly Toast'

**YIELD:** Serves 10

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 pie dough (9 inches)
- 4 strips thick-cut bacon
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons bourbon
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups raw pecan halves

**DIRECTIONS:**

Place baking sheet in oven. Preheat oven to 350 F. Gently line pie pan with rolled out pie dough. Press into edges and up sides. Use fingers or fork to create decorative edge. Set aside.

In skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels then chop into small pieces and set aside. Reserve 1/4 cup bacon grease.

In large bowl, whisk dark corn syrup, light corn syrup, brown sugar, reserved bacon grease, butter and bourbon. Add eggs and salt; whisk until mixture is even. Fold in pecan halves and chopped bacon.

Pour mixture into pie crust and spread evenly with spatula. Gently cover edges of pie crust with aluminum foil. Place pie on preheated baking sheet and bake 60-70 minutes, or until pie is set in center. Remove pie from oven and cool completely before serving or chilling.



## Gingerbread Squares

Recipe courtesy of 'Tasting History'  
by Max Miller

**YIELD:** Makes 20 to 25 1-inch pieces

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 12 to 14 slices stale white bread
- 1 cup honey
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 3/4 teaspoon ground long pepper (a spice similar to black pepper but with more heat that typically must be ordered online)
- One drop of red food dye for color, if desired
- 1/2 cup or less sugar (enough for sprinkling)
- 20 to 25 whole cloves

**DIRECTIONS:**

With a food processor grind the bread into coarse bread crumbs. Pour the honey into a large saucepan set over medium heat, and heat to a rolling boil; the honey will become like

syrup. Note that it will boil up quite a bit, so do not use a small saucepan. Slowly add the bread crumbs to the honey while stirring. The mixture should come together and begin to pull away from the sides of the saucepan. Continue to mix until fully combined.

Remove the pan from the heat and quickly stir in the ginger, long pepper and food coloring, if desired. Turn the mixture out onto a sheet of parchment and spread with a spatula. Then, place another sheet of parchment and, with a rolling pin, roll the gingerbread out to about 1/2-inch thick. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until stiff, about 2 hours.

Once the gingerbread is cool, sprinkle sugar on top and cut into 1-inch squares or whatever shape you like. Insert a whole clove into each piece of gingerbread and remove it just before eating.





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