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(Continued from page 2 column 3) 24 hours before cutting out and frying the noggets.

## EGG NOG PUFFS

1 cup all purpose flour 1 teaspoon sugar

- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup rum, brandy or Southern Comfort
- 4 cggs.

Sift together flour, sugar, nutmeg, and salt onto waxed paper. In medium saucepan, combine milk, butter and alcoholic spirits; bring to boiling. Quickly stir in all the flour mixture and continue stirring until the paste forms a ball that does not stick to the pan. Remove from heat and let cool 2 minutes.

Beat in eggs one at a time, beating

## Try a live Christmas tree

A living Christmas tree is not only an attractive holiday decoration but later can be a valuable addition to the home landscape as well.

Some of the more popular living Christmas trees are Scotch pine, Douglas fir, shore pine, blue spruce, noble fir, Austrian pine, redwood and giant sequoia.

Check at local nurseries to find out which varieties are adapted to the different growing conditions found in Oregon.

Living Christmas trees come in two forms: containerized or balledin-burlap. Trees grown in containers are more likely to survive the indoor-outdoor transitions and are simply easier to deal with, McNeilan says.

However, a nursery-grown balled-in-burlap tree that has been properly root-pruned can make an excellent living Christmas tree, even

if it more work. Beer than taking the tree directpors once it is brought home. Mckeilan recommends a two or three step relocation procedure that will allow the tree to adjust to. warmer inside temperatures gradually.

First place the tree in an unheated garage for four days, then in an unheated room in the house, if possible

A containerized tree can be left in its container indoors. The balled-inburlap tree must be placed in a tree stand or pot that will support the tree and allow it to be watered. Leave the burlap on the roots and

after each until paste loses its gloss. Drop paste by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets, about 11/2 inches apart. Sprinkle lightly with a few drops of water. Bake at 400 °F. for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to 350°F. and bake about 25 minutes longer, until golden brown. Loosen from baking sheet and cut a tiny slit side of each puff to allow steam to escape. Cool completely before filling with Egg Nog Filling. Note: Puffs can be baked, cooled, and frozen for several weeks.

> EGG NOG FILLING (Use for cream puffs)

1/3 cup sugar 3 tablespoons cornstarch

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1/4 teaspoon ground nutmet 1/4 teaspoon salt 2 cups heavy cream - divided 2 egg yolks

1/2 cup rum, brandy, or Southern Comfort

In medium saucepan, mix together sugar, cornstarch, nutmeg and salt. Gradually stir in 1 cup of the cream. Cook, stirring constant-

ly, over medium heat until mixture begins to simmer and is very thick and smooth. Remove sauce from heat. Stir a small amount of sauce into egg yolks and mix well. Add egg yolk mixture back to remaining sauce and mix well. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture changes texture (about 2 minutes). At once remove from heat and turn into small ceramic or glass

Pumpkin

bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and chill thoroughly, at least 3 hours.

Whip remaining cream until stiff, then gradually whip in alcoholic spirits. Stir sauce, then gently fold whipped cream mixture into sauce. Spoon filling into pastry bag fitted with small tip. Press filling through tip into slits in puff shells.

Makes about 2¼ cups, enough to fill 31/2 dozen small puff shells.



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tree trunk while the tree is in the house, says McNeilan.

Place the tree in the coolest location in the room where it will be a decoration. Keep it away from hot air ducts and direct exposure to sunlight. Also keep the tree at normal indoor temperatures no more than four to five days.

If the tree isn't watered enough it will dry out and the roots may be damaged, McNeilan warns.

Decorations are fine as long as they don't break twigs and branches. Keep hot bulbs away from the foliage and do not use flocking or artificial snow on the tree.

When it's time to plant the tree outdoors move it to successively cooler locations in the house before placing it completely outside.

To plant a containerized tree dig a hole at least twice the size of the tree's estimated root area. Mix the soil from the hole with an equal amount of organic matter such as peat moss, compost, rotted manure, sawdust or leafmold.

The organic matter is especially important in clay soils that don't drain well, says McNeilan.

Remove the tree from the container and spread the roots out as much as possible. Then place the tree in the planting hole so the soil surface meets the tree trunk at the same place it did when the tree was in the container.

Fill the hole around the plant with the mixture of soil and organic matter and water it in.

To plant balled-in-burlap trees dig a hole twice the size of the rootball and mix the soil from the hole with an equal amount of organic matter. Cut the twine from around the tree trunk and unwrap the burlap from the upper half of the rootball.



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