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Candy makers lean in as Vivian Tillman reveals one of her lemon fudge secrets at the Dec. 1 Candy Making Workshop in Enterprise.

Sweet secrets delight local candy makers

Class covers prize-winning fudge, microwave peanut brittle

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The secret (it turns out there are two secrets) to Vivian Tillman's famous lemon fudge is out — to a select few.

On Dec. 1, Tillman, along with Debera Warnock, both of Enterprise, taught a class in candy making at the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise and a dozen lucky participants got to make their own batch of the famous fudge to take home.

Tillman's fudge is a favorite fundraiser item. Just one 8-by-8-inch pan of the fudge sold for \$100 after it won the 2012 Enterprise Winterfest Celebration Fudge Contest. Another batch went for \$65 in the Lostine Grange Hall fundraiser. Most recently, a batch sold for \$25 in the 4-H radio auction.

That last one was a good buy, given that Tillman estimates the cost of supplies for a double-batch comes to \$35 if one pays full retail.

"Shop on sale," Tillman advised the group. All of the ingredients were available locally — though grocers had to be asked to carry one secret ingredient.

The basic recipe can be modified almost endlessly, Tillman said, and she brought two other flavors based on the recipe to demonstrate that.

"I'm going to try orange fudge this year," she said, causing a chorus of oos and ahhs.

Debera Warnock, 4-H, Youth and Family Development Agent for Oregon State University Extension Service, gave the participants two quick and easy recipes for peanut brittle and "pizza candy."

Both could be made in minutes using the microwave, as she and her daughter Deidre demonstrated. A crowd favorite was the Marshmallow Chocolate Pizza, which clearly had possibilities as a kid favorite with lots of tasty garnishes a child could safely assist with.

Caprice Locke of Enterprise, who attended the workshop with two grandsons, was excited about "pizza candy."

"We're going to be making candy with two granddaughters over Christmas and we want to do it right," Locke said.

Warnock also had two tips for candy cooks: "My best tip for making candy is to be in a good mood to start with. If you're cranky, it won't work out. My second best tip is to have a sink full of hot soapy water ready to just dunk those sticky dishes in right away."

Both cooks agreed on a third secret to success: either use real butter in candy making or choose your margarine



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Debbi Warnock shows off her finished Marshmallow Chocolate Pizza candy.

carefully.

"If it doesn't say 'good for baking,' don't use it," Warnock said. "Margarines are full of water and can ruin a

recipe."

Want to request a reprise of this fun workshop? Call the OSU Extension office at 541-426-3143.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

THE \$200 GRAND PRIZE WINNER OF THE Chieftain's 2015 Gridiron Contest is Lucy Matthews!

Jim Clegg was the winner of week 12 with 12 correct picks

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Thursday, December 17

3-6pm

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MARSHMALLOW CHOCOLATE PIZZA

- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 lb. white almond bark
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 cup Rice Krispies
- 1 cup peanuts
- 8 oz. container candied red cherries
- 8 oz. container candied green cherries
- 1/3 cup coconut
- 1 tsp. vegetable oil

Microwave chocolate chips and 14 oz. of almond bark in a 2 quart bowl on high for 2 minutes.

Stir and continue microwaving 1 to 2 minutes or until smooth when stirred.

Stir in marshmallows, cereal and peanuts.

Pour onto greased 12-inch pizza pan.

Top with cherries and sprinkle with coconut.

Microwave remaining 2 oz. of almond bark and oil in a 1 cup glass

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Presentation — learn about what Wallowa Land Trust is up to and the conservation plan they are developing to prioritize work in Wallowa County. Festive refreshments will be provided. 6 p.m. at Tomas Conference Room (309 S. River Street in Enterprise).

the Wallowa County Humane Society Info Center, 104 N. River St., Enterprise. Bring your camera. We will help with posing pets and people (and take pictures, too) and provide Santa! Free refreshments. Stocking stuffers for sale. Please have your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Wallowa Valley Chorale Christmas Concert and Kickoff to Winterfest, 7 p.m., OK Theatre. Admission by donation. Contact Randy Morgan at 426-3593 or Betty Cosgrove at 432-8181 for more information.

Tunesmith Night at Lear's Main Street Grill, 111 W. Main St. in Enterprise. Featuring songwriters Elwood, Al Bell and Kory Quinn. Music starts at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Enterprise Mayor Steve Lear will be hosting his bimonthly meeting, "An Afternoon with the Mayor," 3 to 5 p.m. in the Tomas Building Conference Room, 309 S. River St., Enterprise. The purpose of the meetings is to get local residents more actively involved and to move their issues forward.

Jingle Thru Joseph: Holiday open houses at Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Office and Sports Corral, 5-8 p.m.

Dec. 11-12

Enterprise will be lit up in all its holiday glory for the 18th annual Enterprise Winterfest Celebration during Home for the Holidays event. The Holiday Gift Market will be located at 103 West Main St. and will be open Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet all good children and hear Christmas wishes at Santa Central, in the Wild Carrot Herbs building, from 2-4:30 p.m. both days. Wagon rides will be offered at Warde Park on West Main, as will the North Pole barrel train at the corner of SW First and Main. Weather permitting, ice skating will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Enterprise City Park. For more information and a complete schedule, contact Sondra Lozier at 541-426-3229 (shop) or 541-263-0104 (cell).

The Wallowa Chapter Rotary Interact Christmas Bazaar will take place from 1-3 p.m. in the Beth Johnson Room (cafeteria) of the school. This is a kids' event where elementary kids can pick affordable gifts (nothing over \$5) for family members. Parents can camp outside the room with complementary coffee and tea as the kids shop privately. Gift wrapping is free and Rotary members will help kids pick out appropriate gifts.

Enterprise Gift Market — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the old Crossings Building at 103 W. Main St.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Sam Collett hosts a twice-monthly still life drawing gathering, complete with a live model every first and third Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at the Josephy Center. \$5-10 suggested donation for model. All skill levels welcome.

The Wallowa K-12 Christmas Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Wallowa High School Gym. Santa will be making an appearance as well.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Santa Paws — pet selfies with Santa. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

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Enterprise Winterfest Celebration

Wallowa Valley Chorale Christmas Concert

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Friday – December 11

Holiday shopping - Extended shopping hours.

Look for special discounts and drawings at participating stores.

9:00 am - 9:00 pm – Ice Skating - Enterprise City Park

11:00 am - 7:00 pm – Holiday Gift Market • 103 W. Main Street

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm – Santa Central – Wild Carrot Herbs Bld • Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus •

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3:00 pm - Holiday Fudge Contest Judging

- Sample Fresh Roasted Chestnuts – Wild Carrot Herbs
- Wagon rides and North Pole Barrel Train rides

3:30 pm - Enterprise Fire Department's famous chili feed

3:30 pm - Christmas Karaoke • Hosted by Ted Hayes - First and Main St

5:00 pm - Holiday Fudge Auction • Downtown Main Street

5:30 pm - Winterfest Lights Parade - Downtown Main Street

Following parade

Drawings for kids' gift certificates & Christmas stockings

• **Merry Christmas from all the Enterprise Merchants** •

For more information contact Sondra 541-263-0104

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