



Betty Kaiser

Betty Kaiser: Cook's Corner

Desserts for Dad

tails for everyone. We were always on our best behavior during this festive occasion.

Later, when Chuck and I married and moved to Ventura with our three kids, things changed. Family was 100 miles away and we had to establish new traditions. It ushered in the more casual and affordable era of home-cooked brunches and barbecue dinners.

I've always treated holiday meals much like we do birthdays. The honoree gets to choose their favorite meal entree and the dessert.

Chuck is pretty predictable. His favorite meal has always been Sunday Brunch at a nice restaurant and a dessert after dinner at home. And he has his favorites.

This time, when I asked him what he would like for dessert on Sunday I expected him to say, "Jeannie Hand's Cheesecake." We were in a dinner group with Jeannie and Russell for many years. She makes a cheesecake to die for and it has about a zillion calories in it.

One year, I was in California greeting a newborn grandson on some holiday. Chuck got bored. After all our years at Kaiser's Country Diner he knows how to cook but I always made the desserts. Somehow, at home, he found the cheesecake recipe, made it and ate the whole thing!

No, not all at one sitting but before I got home.

I'm always prepared to buy out the market's cream

cheese and send him into a diabetic coma on holidays. This time he said, "I haven't had a Strawberry Rhubarb Pie in a long time. Our rhubarb is ready. I'll pick it."

Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather. So, here's two great desserts for this and any other special occasion. Enjoy!

Happy Father's Day, guys!

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Filling:
1 cup sliced strawberries
3 cups cut rhubarb
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
¼ teaspoon each salt and nutmeg
¼ cup orange juice

Double crust pie dough (homemade or store bought)

1. Prepare dough for 2-crust pie. Divide the dough into two pieces. Roll out one piece into pan overlapping the edges. Roll out the other piece and set aside. Cover with damp paper towel if needed.

2. Put strawberries and rhubarb in a large bowl. Combine sugar, flour, spices and orange juice in a small bowl and pour over the berries and rhubarb. Mix lightly and place in pie shell. Dot with butter and cover with top crust. Trim crust (fold together and seal), pierce and sprinkle with sugar.

Bake 40-50 min. until brown and bubbly. Cool and serve with vanilla ice cream. Serves 8.

Jeannie Hand's Cheesecake

Crust
¼ pound butter
1 cup flour
¼ cup sugar
1 egg yolk
Melt butter, add sugar, egg yolk and flour. Pat ½ of mixture on bottom of 9" spring-form pan and the other half on sides. Bake at 350° F.

Cheesecake:
3 pounds cream cheese
2 cups sugar
½ cup flour
5 eggs
2 egg yolks
1 cup whipping cream
Juice of one lemon
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon almond extract
Warm cream cheese to soften. Add all ingredients and beat with mixer. Pour into pan. Bake at 450° F. for 12 minutes. Turn heat off and leave the cake in the oven for 2 hours. (Do NOT open oven door.) Remove from oven.

Topping: Preheat oven to 350° F.
1 pint sour cream
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon almond extract
Stir until smooth. Spoon onto baked cheesecake and spread evenly. Bake additional 8 min. Let cool and then refrigerate for 1-2 hours before serving.

Serves 12+

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Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Bird dog catches jail bird



Roy offered a \$1,000 reward for his lost dog, Rusty. Long story short, Rusty is home after a fun romp on a ranch, and a crook is in jail!

A sad story with a paws-ively happy ending! Just before 89-year-old Roy discovered his much-loved Brittany Spaniel, Rusty, was missing, he placed a "lost" ad in the newspaper. (The plumber had left the gate open, allowing seven-year-old dog, Rusty, to escape.)

Heartsick, Roy also contacted the Humane Society offering a \$1,000 reward for his beloved friend. His newspaper ads ran for two weeks — but still no Rusty.

"I thought if someone had stolen Rusty, offering \$200 would not appeal to a dognapper. So, I increased the reward to \$1000 hoping to encourage Rusty's return," explained Roy.

Rusty meant everything to Roy. His life was not the same, and even though he was determined to find his dog, he hit dead ends in the search.

Over the next few weeks, I followed the newspaper ads knowing that if anyone was offering such a reward that they were dedicated to getting their dog home. So, I phoned Roy and he said, "Life is not the same. I've been lonely for three weeks without Rusty."

He's also chatted with a pet psychic who said, "Roy, I feel that you have not waited long enough for Rusty. Wait a little longer."

An hour later, a man phoned and said, "I have your dog. Come to the coffee shop so we can talk."

The conversation sounded odd, but Roy still went. When he asked, "Where is my dog?" the stranger said, "I want the \$1,000 first." Roy was skeptical but still wrote out a check.

The man took the check and Roy said, "He would not give me the dog or tell me where it was. He gave me his address, so I drove directly there wondering if this was a scam. There was no such address, and the neighbors had not heard of the scoundrel. So, I stopped payment on the cheque, then reported the extortionist to the police."

Thirty minutes later, Roy drove past his bank. What a commotion! There was the scammer surrounded by police officers. The crook was handcuffed, and taken to jail.

Roy returned home and received the phone call he had been hoping for! Monica left a message that she had Rusty and she'd read Roy's newspaper ad.

Apparently, her friend had found Rusty wandering in town. The friend who rescued him drove him to Monica's ranch to care for while they searched for his owner. When he returned Monica's call she drove Rusty home. Not only was she a Good Samaritan, she refused the reward.

Roy's wish was granted; he had his dog home. "It was moving seeing Rusty again," said Roy with his voice cracking, as he held back tears. "I was excited and so glad to see him and gave him a kiss."

What about Rusty's reaction? "Rusty was happy to be home," reports Roy. "The family had treated him well, and he had two other dog pals to play with. He must have thought he was on vacation."

Now Rusty won't leave my side. He's constantly checking on me. If we are outside and I go in the house, he comes right in. It is good to have him home and my bird dog's escapade helped catch a jail bird!"

TIPS:

- Roy's pet tip: "Get a microchip for your pet; it is cheaper than newspaper ads when your pet goes missing. Rusty now has a 'chip on his shoulder'"

- Did you know that many lost purebred dogs are sent to corresponding rescue centers? If you lose a Spaniel, contact the closest Spaniel rescue group. The same goes for a lost Great Dane; look up the Great Dane Rescue Group. If you lose a Persian cat, contact a Persian rescue group plus the local humane society. Covering all leads is the secret to success. The fastest way to recover your lost pet is a microchip.

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LORANE NEWS

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• On Sunday, June 14, Lorane Christian Church held services inside and

through a drive-in service. They will continue for awhile longer, until things get better.

Once again, the sun shone during the service. Remember, you don't have to be a member to attend.

- Today, June 18, Crow-Applegate-Lorane School Board meets at Lorane Grange starting at 7 p.m. Executive session meets prior to the open meeting.

- Lorane Grange meets next on July 16.

- Once again, we want to thank the Lorane Family Store, the Lorane Deli and Lorane Christian Church for all their effort to make these times easier for all Lorane by going above and beyond to help the Lorane community.

Also, a big Thank You to our Lorane Fire Department for always being there.

- I want to take this time to thank all teachers, staff and administrations from all our area schools for working so hard to stay connected and making kindergarten promotion; middle school promotion; and high school graduation unique and special for all their students.

I witnessed car parades, drive-in graduations, kindergarten teachers go to student homes to have their students jump out of kindergarten and jump into first grade; and numerous other creative ways to make their students feel loved and special.

Thank You you Cottage Grove, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, 4J, Bethel, and Springfield Schools for taking a rough situation and turning it into something memorable.

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