

Christmas Kitchen — A gift of recipes

(Editor's note: This week's Christmas Kitchen, A Gift of Recipes will feature candy. Next week, recipes for appetizers will be published. All readers are invited to submit their favorite holiday appetizer recipe to: Editor Christmas Kitchen, Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836, before Tuesday, Dec. 14.)

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER BALLS & CHOCO-CHERRY BALLS

From Jean Brazell
4-H Leader

Chocolate Peanut Butter Balls
Mix and form into balls:
2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup peanut butter
½ cup butter or margarine
Refrigerate.
Melt 12 oz. chocolate chips over double boiler or carefully in microwave oven. Add a scant tablespoon of vegetable oil and ½ block of paraffin wax. + Melt and mix together.
Dip cold peanut butter balls into chocolate mixture using tongs or a tooth pick. Put dipped balls on waxed paper to harden chocolate covering. Store in a cool, dry place up to six weeks.
+ May use a little less paraffin.
First variation: using same chocolate mixture add favorite nuts and or raisins and drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper to cool.
Second variation: Use other candy filling recipes and shape into squares, rectangles, etc.

Choco-Cherry Balls
1 cup margarine or butter ¾ cup chopped marischino cherries
1 cup powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla ¾ cup shredded coconut
1 tsp. rum flavoring 2 c. uncooked rolled oats
Mix all ingredients together, form into balls and refrigerate. Roll in nuts or dip in chocolate.

BUTTER CRUNCH TOFFEE

From Jan Coe
4-H Leader

1 cup butter or margarine 1 cup nuts
1 one third cup sugar 4 squares sweet chocolate
1 tablespoon corn syrup
Cook butter, sugar and syrup until 300 degrees. Pour ½ cup chopped nuts into a buttered 13 x 9 in. pan and quickly spread butter mixture over nuts with spatula. Remove from pan and place on waxed paper.
Spread top with melted chocolate and sprinkle with finely chopped nuts. When chocolate hardens, turn over and spread other side with chocolate and sprinkle remaining nuts.
Break into pieces.
Makes about 1¼ lbs. of candy.

PEANUT BARS

From Laura Holtz

5 eggs (separated) 1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup cake flour (No shortening or leavening is used)
½ teaspoon salt
Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gradually add the sugar and flavoring.
Beat egg yolks until light in color, fold into whites and sugar. Gradually fold in the flour and salt.
Put in a greased and floured 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes or until done. Invert pan on rack to cool.
When cold, cut in desired sized pieces, frost all around with a powdered sugar icing, made with powdered sugar and enough milk to make it the right consistency to spread nicely.
Roll each piece in ground peanuts as soon as frosted. Lay on cookie sheets until firm.

NUT ROCA

From Kathy Morter
4-H Leader

1 cup butter or margarine 1 cup chopped nuts or almonds (coarsely chopped)
1 and one-third cup sugar 4-4½ milk chocolate bars
3 Tablespoons water 1 cup finely chopped nuts
1 Tablespoon white corn syrup
Melt butter in sauce pan, add sugar corn syrup and water. Cook over medium heat until hard crack stage, 300 degrees. Stir in coarsely chopped nuts. Hurry here or you won't get them stirred in.
Spread into 13 x 9 x 2 in. pan well greased with butter. Cool thoroughly. Turn onto waxed paper.
Melt chocolate and spread on top. Spread finely chopped nuts. Place in refrigerator until chocolate is hard. Coat other side, cool.
Break in pieces, don't cut.

BON BONS

From Bertha Sager
4-H Leader

2 lbs. powdered sugar 1 lg. pkg. flaked coconut
¼ lb. butter 1 can sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk)
¼ t. almond or vanilla extract milk (not evaporated milk)
dash of salt cherries or nuts (optional)
Combine powdered sugar, butter, vanilla, salt, coconut and sweetened milk. Roll into a ball formation with cherry or nut inside.

Topping:
1 lg. pkg. chocolate chips
Two-thirds bar paraffin wax

Melt chocolate chips and paraffin over hot water. Dip balls into chocolate paraffin mixture.
Refrigerate two hours.

Singspiration to be held at First Christian

This Sunday, Dec. 12, a monthly Singpiration will be held at The First Christian Church in Heppner at 7 p.m. "We will be using this time as our 'Carol Sing' for the Christmas season," said the Rev. Don Shelton, pastor of the church.
The evening will also feature special selections by people who will focus on

Christmas and its true meaning. The Christian Church Choir will also present a special number for the occasion, Shelton said.
A social time with refreshments will follow the Singpiration.
"We would like to invite the entire community to join in this celebration," he said.

Ione Jr. High beats Stanfield Tigers 36-18

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The lone Junior High boys' basketball team won their first game of the season by defeating the Stanfield Tigers, 36 to 18.
Ione was off and running in the first quarter and took a nine to six lead. The Cardinals continued the pace in the second quarter as they built a 21 - 7 advantage at halftime.
In the second half, the two teams were fairly close, with the Cards outscoring Stanfield 7 to 4, to lead 28 - 11. In the fourth period, Ione had eight points to Stanfield's seven, to make the final score 36 - 18.
Ione's Mike Rietmann led all scorers with 22 points. Ken Snider had six, while Kevin

"The family will be provided with toys, food, and just have a nice Christmas," said a hospital spokesperson.

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