

Spread Christmas chocolate cheer with brownies

During the hectic holiday season, home-baked fancy brownies will make Christmas gift-giving easier. "A good quality brownie mix and a few added ingredients can be the start of fabulous holiday bar cookies," says Linda Carman director for Martha White Foods Inc. "At the Martha White Kitchen, our favorites are Mississippi Mud Brownies, Peanut Butter Brownies and The Ultimate Bar Cookie."

Mississippi Mud Brownies

1 package (10.25 ounces) Martha White Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix
1 egg
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom of an 8-inch square baking pan. Combine brownie mix, egg, oil and water in mixing bowl. Stir in pecans. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until brownie begins to slightly pull away from sides of pan. Remove

Mississippi Mud Icing

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
2-1/2 tablespoons cocoa
1 tablespoon milk

Combine butter and cocoa in mixing bowl; add milk. Gradually stir in sugar; beat until smooth.

Peanut Butter Brownies

1 package (10.25 ounces) Martha White Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix
1 egg
3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom of an 8-inch square baking pan. Combine brownie mix, egg, oil and water in mixing bowl. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until brownie begins to pull away from sides of pan. Cool in pan on wire rack.

The Ultimate Bar Cookie

1 package (10.25 ounces) Martha White Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup water
1 egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease bottom of a 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Combine brownie mix, oil, water and egg in mixing bowl; stir to blend, about 50 strokes. Spread batter in prepared pan. Sprinkle evenly with butterscotch

Bar Cookie. Colorful holiday tins or baskets packed with these will be a sure hit with your family and friends. Just a few easy additions transform chewy fudge brownie mix into sinfully delicious Mississippi Mud Brownies. Miniature marshmallows melt over the brownies during the last minutes of baking. Then, when the brownies have cooled, the Mississippi Mud Icing with pecans adds the finishing touch.

Mississippi Mud Icing

2 tablespoons water
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1 cup miniature marshmallows
Mississippi Mud Icing, below

pan from oven and sprinkle marshmallows evenly over brownies. Return to oven for 5 minutes or until marshmallows are melted. Cool in pan on wire rack. Spread with Mississippi Mud Icing. Chill before cutting into squares. Makes 16 two-inch squares.

Mississippi Mud Icing

2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 cup chopped pecans

Stir in vanilla and pecans; blend thoroughly.

What is Christmas?

By Larry Bailey
Minister, United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake

Christmas is an important Holy Day of the Christian Religion, as it marks the birth of Jesus, whom we believe is the Son of God. Christians believe that God made Jesus to be the Man who would redeem all humanity from our sins, so that we would be reconciled to God. Our reconciliation is God's way to overcome evil of every kind and to reclaim us for a life of goodness through love.

Stories in the Christian New Testament books of Matthew and Luke tell about Jesus' birth. Christians re-

peat them, sing carols, act out the Nativity, light candles, exchange gifts and gather in family groups to celebrate Jesus' birth. Indeed, our celebrations are enhanced by our imaginations as we are joyful in what our Creator has done.

I think the most joyful thought of Christmas is that God gives a great gift of love. No one expected it, it was not imposed. Rather, it appeared simply and humbly in a stable among the animals and the crowds of people in a small town. That seems to be the way

of God's love for us. God simply appears, and little by little, we begin to perceive that God is with us, not to condemn, but to redeem. Christmas is a great gift from God. It is a new beginning for each of us.

One way to participate in the spirit of Christmas is to offer a gift to someone. Give something that expresses a new beginning, reconciliation, or redemption. Your gift is an offer of a part of yourself to another. People are drawn closer in trust, hope, and love in this way. That is what God did at the birth of Jesus.

Merry Christmas

May All Your Days Be Filled With Merriment!



Our wish for you and your family is a world filled with love.

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The day Santa came to Eagle Lake

Submitted by John Canaris

Two little boys, brothers, pressed their noses against the plate glass window at the Frank Stephens Department Store in downtown Eagle Lake. It was a few days before Christmas. They looked and looked for a long time and their mouths watered as their eyes focused on a football on display behind the window.

"Boy, isn't that a keen football," one said to the other as they turned their feet west on main and headed home across the street from the Mose Thomas home, where the telephone office is now. They didn't know someone had seen them looking at the football.

School was out for the Christmas Holidays. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, the two brothers were playing football with a ball made of part of a bed sheet rolled into a ball and tied with string. It was one of those beautiful warm days we often have around Christmas in South Texas. A car pulled up in front of the house, and a man got out and came around the car and stepped into the front yard.

The little boys came running up to the man. They knew him and were very fond of him because he loved children and he always took a few moments to talk to a child. He liked to knuckle kids across the head.

"Well, tomorrow is Christmas. What would you like Santa to bring you," he asked. "A football," they

both said in one voice. "Would you believe I saw Santa downtown and he told me you have been good boys and would I be his helper and deliver a present to you? Look in the back seat and see what it is," he said.

It was that gorgeous football they had coveted a few days earlier. They nearly tore the door down getting to

the ball. They hugged the man, threw the rag ball away and started passing the new ball to each other.

The two little boys were John and Mike Canaris; the year was 1936. Santa Claus was Herbert Austin (H.A.) Dromgoole.

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We Wish You & Yours A Happy & Safe 1992!



Public warned of DWI-related tragedy

Alcohol related driving deaths have declined steadily since 1982, according to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. He called for Texans to take special care on the highways during the holiday season.

"According to a nationwide study by the Center for Disease Control, drunk driving fatalities are declining, and that's great news," Gramm said. "But with the approach of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, the two days each year which generate more drunk driving deaths than any others, the time has come to take special care."

Gramm, Dr. Red Duke of the University of Texas Health Science Center, officials of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Texas Department of Public Safety are all repeating the public campaign against drunk driving that they staged so successfully in 1987.

The senator noted that although fatality rates are down nationwide, drunk driving remains a tragedy and a crime.

"Ultimately, the responsibility for stopping this menace falls to each individual," Gramm said.

NEWSBRIEFS

Landowners receive deer harvest survey

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. has recently mailed a deer harvest survey to many of Colorado County's landowners. These questionnaires should be filled out and returned promptly. The results will be used in evaluating the experimental antlerless deer season conducted during the 1991-92 season.

Time change for New Year's Eve dance

In the KC Hall classified ad last week, the time for the New Year's Eve dance was scheduled from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with doors opening at 8 p.m. The time has been changed to 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with doors opening at 7:30. (See ad on classified page.)

Senior Citizens dance January 3

There will be a Senior Citizens dance at the KC Hall on Friday, Jan. 3rd, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person. Everyone is invited.

National Rice conference set in January

More than 20 speakers will address the National Rice Industry Outlook Conference Jan. 14 and 15. They will be speaking on the economic, marketing, environmental and production issues affecting the U.S. rice industry during the conference. The conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Services in cooperation with the Rice Foundation and the USA Rice Council.

Archie Bowling, executive vice president of the Rice Foundation, said the meeting, to be held in Greenville, Mississippi, is open to anyone interested in rice. The registration fee of \$48 covers all meals and expenses of the two day conference. For questions or additional information call Betty Konegny or John Hart with the Rice Council at 713-270-6699 or 1-800-RICE.

Recycle, support the Chamber of Commerce

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce wants to remind every citizen that recycling is necessary! Please bring your aluminum and tin cans, colored and clear glass to the new Recycling Center in Eagle Lake. By recycling, you will be supporting your local Chamber which in turn will help our town.

The center is open on Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and again on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Retiring Fire Chief 'Sonny' Spanihel honored by Department, State of Texas

The majority of the program at the Annual Eagle Lake Fire Department Christmas Banquet and Dance was dedicated to retiring Fire Chief L.J. "Sonny" Spanihel, his accomplishments and several humorous anecdotes covering his near 50-year stint with the department.

Not only was Spanihel honored and praised by his peers, but also by Speaker of the Texas House, Gib Lewis, State Representative Robert Saunders and Governor Ann Richards.

Thurston Webb, Captain of Company 3, presented Spanihel with two resolutions issued in his honor. One was from the Texas House of Representatives, the other Richards. Both praised his dedication to his community and the patience of his family for sharing him so willingly.

Spanihel listened intently through the reading of the House Resolution, but after Webb read the one from the Governor, Spanihel turned his back to the crowd to gather himself before accepting personal congratulations from Webb and outgoing First Asst. Chief T.J. Smith. (See photo at left.)

Of his almost 50 years as an Eagle Lake Volunteer Fireman, Spanihel served as Chief for 25 and emphatically stated he is not retiring from the Department, just stepping down from the top position to allow some younger blood to take over.

Darrell Gertson will now serve our city as Fire Chief.



Retiring Fire Chief "Sonny" Spanihel accepts hearty congratulations from Thurston Webb, left. Spanihel plans to remain active in the Fire Department, but has stepped aside as its chief after 25 years in the position. He will celebrate his 50th anniversary as a volunteer fire fighter during the coming year.

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

Armbrister scheduled as Chamber banquet speaker



Texas State Senator Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, from the 18th District, will serve as guest speaker at the Eagle

Lake Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. This year's banquet will be Monday, Jan. 20, 1992 at the Community Center. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 followed by the program.

Tickets to the event are \$10 per person and may be purchased from the Chamber directors or at the Chamber office, 604 E. Main St., or by calling 234-2780.

Sen. Armbrister serves on the senate finance, nominations, and intergovernmental relations and national resources committees. Prior to his election to the state senate in 1988, he served in the House of Representatives from 1983 until 1987. A former police officer, Armbrister owns and manages Triple D Security, Victoria.

He and his wife, the former Susie Sembrera of Jackson County, have two children, Shane and Erin. Their home is in Victoria.

The Chamber of Commerce reminds the public that everyone is invited to attend the annual banquet. You will not only be supporting the Chamber, but will be able to hear from one of the state's top legislators.

I was able to help so many of our customers in this capacity.

"However, there comes a point in every person's life when it's time to areas."

"My experiences in this position



Audrey Fossier, Southwestern Bell representative for the Eagle Lake area, welcomes Don McFarlin, Bell area manager, who will be replacing her. Fossier is retiring from the telephone company this month.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

SW Bell Manager Fossier announces retirement

Audrey Fossier, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Eagle Lake, has announced her retirement after 25 years of service, effective Dec. 31.

Fossier has provided community relations and public contact responsibilities with primary emphasis in Texas City, La Marque, Alvin, El Campo, Wharton and surrounding areas.

"My experiences in this position

(See Fossier retires, Page 12)

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

During the past week the Eagle Lake Police Department handled the following calls:

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a shoplifting-theft at Dan's Minute Stop on Thursday evening. On arrival, he was advised that two black male subjects picked up a bottle of wine and ran out of the store without paying.

Shortly thereafter, Argo was dispatched to the old primary school where three windows were broken out. There are no suspects at this time.

Argo and Officer Eric Hart were (See Police Report, Page 12)

Library offering overdue amnesty program

The Eals and David Wintermann Library will have an Amnesty Program for all overdue books and magazines from Dec. 26 through Jan. 4, 1992.

No fines will be charged for books and magazines returned during this time. Please use this time to return all overdue books to the library.

Fines for overdue books will be increased from three cents a day to five cents a day effective Jan. 1, 1992.

The library will be closed New Year's Day.