



Cool Off With A Grasshopper Pie

Few things are more pleasurable than a cool dessert on a steamy summer night. Ice cream often fits the bill perfectly.

While you certainly can drive over to your nearest ice cream shop and enjoy a cone or sundae, you can also have an easy dessert on hand that can quickly provide relief when the temperature climbs.

While some may say that chocolate and peanut butter are the perfect dessert pairing, chocolate and mint flavors together can be absolutely divine and refreshing.

That is just the idea behind this simple ice cream cake from "Ice Box Cakes: Simply Irresistible No-Bake Desserts" (The Harvard Common Press), by Lauren Chattman. Serve it with a raspberry sauce garnish to add even more color.

GRASSHOPPER ICE CREAM CAKE

Serves 10
20 Oreo cookies (to yield

about 11/2 cups crumbs)
2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
1/4 cup water
1 tablespoon crème de menthe
2 pints mint chocolate chip ice cream
28 Andes Crème de Menthe Thins candies, coarsely chopped

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Place the Oreos in the work bowl of a food processor and process until finely ground.

Add the melted butter and pulse once or twice to moisten the crumbs.

Press the mixture evenly into the bottom of a 9-inch spring-form pan, packing it tightly with your fingertips so it is even and compacted. Bake until crisp, 6 to 8 minutes. Let cool completely. (The crust may be wrapped in plastic wrap and frozen for up to 1 month.)

2. Bring 2 inches of water to

a bare simmer in a medium-size saucepan.

Combine the bittersweet chocolate and water in a stainless steel bowl big enough to rest on top of the saucepan and set it over the pan, making sure it doesn't touch the water.

Heat the chocolate, whisking occasionally, until completely melted.

Remove from the heat and stir in the crème de menthe. Set aside to cool to room temperature.

3. Spoon the ice cream into a large mixing bowl and mash with the back of a spoon until it is smooth but not yet melting.

Scrape it into the pan and smooth it over the crust with the spoon. Smooth the cooled chocolate sauce over the top of the cake and sprinkle with the chopped Andes mints.

Wrap the pan in plastic wrap and freeze until firm, at least 6 hours and up to 1 week.

4. Release the sides of the pan from the cake before serving.

Grant

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their quality of life by facilitating, with integrity, the use of the resources of our state so that sustained economic growth will enrich the rural Texas experience for the benefit of all."

"I am pleased that Eagle Lake will receive a Texas Community Development Block Grant from ORCA," Representative Cook stated. "The upgrades and construction, that will be possible because of these funds, will contribute to the continued success of the Eagle Lake community." For more information, contact ORCA at 512-936-6701 or 800-544-2042. Additional information, including lists of all grantees and future grant opportunities, is available at <http://www.orca.state.tx.us>.

LCRA

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hazards associated with boating or swimming in water that has received runoff from heavy rains. Be aware that swimming in natural water bodies increases your risk of illness caused by bacteria. Bacteria levels typically return to normal in about a week to 10 days after the peak runoff.

Drivers - as well as walkers - should not attempt to travel through water that is causing flooding at low-water crossings. Travelers are urged to follow the advice of the National Weather Service's campaign about the hazards of walking or driving through flood waters: Turn Around Don't Drown.

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Skyridge Ave, San Antonio, TX 78210. The hosts will provide some items of interest to bid on. All are invited to donate items for this fun event. Bring an item(s) of interest to exchange and have the opportunity to choose from items others have brought in exchange. Appropriate items would be home canned products, crafts, needlework, unique glassware, etc., etc. Donations will also be accepted for the upkeep of this family cemetery. Hosts this year are Leo and Barbara Wick and Roy and Imogene Williams.

VBS at FBC July 16-20

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held July 16-20 at First Baptist Church (FBC) in Eagle Lake. This year's theme is, "Game Day central: Where Heroes Are Made". VBS will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is open to children who have completed kindergarten - 6th grade. For more information call the church office at 234-2571 or Scarlett Owen at 234-3166.

Cheerleading Mini Camp July 16-18

Cheerleading Mini Camp will be July 16-18 from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person and \$10 every extra sibling. Camp will be held at the Eagle Lake Elementary School, Garwood School and Sheridan School.

WOFF is July 28-29

The Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival (WOFF) will be held July 28-29 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church, Hwy. 36 and FM 1952 in Wallis. To register for the event or more information call Margie Schuenemann at 979-232-0260 or Liz Knight at 979-227-1637.

DPS Gives Water Driving Reminder

If you see water running across a roadway, you should immediately turn around and not attempt to go through it, says the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Many cars will float in only 12 inches of water, and two feet of rushing water will carry off

pick-ups, SUVs and most other vehicles," says Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Six inches of water can be enough to stall a car or cause a loss of control over the vehicle."

Each year, more people die in flash flooding than in any other type of thunderstorm-related hazard.

"You might think that you can easily get across a flooded roadway, but it's not worth the risk. It's impossible to tell the depth of the water—or whether the road or bridge is damaged or missing. Don't endanger yourself or the first responders who may try to rescue you," Col. Davis said.

Bottom line: stay aware and cautious, especially at night, when recognizing dangers can be more difficult. Pay attention to the weather and the road conditions.

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