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LOVE & COMMITMENT

Lindey Leforce
Manager of Member Services

We live in an ever-changing and diverse cooperative world. Sometimes, dealing with change and the ideas and wants of others can be difficult, but one of the most important gifts we can give is to show people we

care about their concerns. Care doesn't always mean we can make exceptions or give the answer someone wants, but it does mean we value you as a cooperative member.

Although technology and tools have advanced at a staggering rate since Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (NOEC) began, there are things that are still approached the same way as they were 80 years ago. First and foremost: love those we serve.

In the beginning of NOEC's journey, we showed care and commitment by bringing electricity to our neighbors in rural areas of northeast Oklahoma. Still today, our primary commitment is to bring electricity and important services to homes and businesses throughout our service area and to show compassion to those we serve.

I remember one of the first dairy farms that got electricity to their milk barn 54 years ago—as a child, I lived down the road from them. In the second grade, I had to do a report on something that would change the world we lived in. I told my parents that I wanted to go down to Mr. and Mrs. Parker's house and ask them if they thought having electric milking machines would change our world.

My dad set up the meeting and on a Saturday morning he dropped me off. For the next hour, the Parkers told me all the advantages of having those machines. I could see with my own eyes how much faster their work went; I knew from watching my dad and grandpa milking three cows by hand how long it took compared to the machines.

After all that conversation and showing me the machines that made their lives and work easier, I asked Mr. and Mrs. Parker the big question I needed for my report: "Will electricity change the world?" Their answer was "No"! Surprised, I pressed on and asked, "What will change our world to be better than yesterday?" They replied in unison: "LOVE your neighbor, love your family, love those you meet every day."

So, for the last 54 years I have thought about and kept that lesson close and am fortunate to work in a business that emulates the Parkers' wisdom. Many things have changed since your electric cooperative began its mission, but the core of why we exist remains the same.

In the late 1980s, NOEC recognized there were other ways we could serve and benefit members. We started satellite television, Internet, radio communication and paging services.

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ALL-AROUND GREEN COUNTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2019

SCARECROW 5K & FUN WALK

Oct 5 | Wyandotte
Bearskin Healthcare Center
918.678.2282

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY

Oct 8 | Vinita
Vinita Area Chamber of Commerce
918.256.7133

36TH ANNUAL PELICAN FESTIVAL

Oct 10-11 | Grove
Wolf Creek Park
918.786.2289

OKTOBERFEST

Oct 12 | Vinita
Holy Ghost Catholic Church
918.256.7133

ROUTE 66 CAR SHOW

Oct 12 | Vinita
130 N. 7th St.
918.256.8384

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA AREA ARTIST SHOW

Oct 13 | Pryor
Graham Community Center
918.852.6782

ROCKTOBERFEST 2019

Oct 18-20 | Disney
Disney Oklahoma 4x4
918.435.5577

WATER/WAYS SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT

Oct 21 - Dec 7 | Locust Grove
VFW Hall
918.864.9152

ROUTE 66 PUNKIN CHUNKIN

Oct 26 | Vinita
John's Tractor Works, Hwy 60/66
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ROUTE 66 PECAN FUN FEST

Oct 26-27 | Claremore
The Nut House
918.266.1604

TIPS & TRICKS

FOR COLD WEATHER PREP

As winter approaches and temperatures outside begin to fall, many of us migrate indoors to escape the cold. If indoor drafts leave you (and your heating bill) still feeling the "chill," taking control is your best option.

Sealing attic air leaks will enhance the performance of your insulation and make a more comfortable home. Air infiltration is fairly easy to correct, the process requires a careful inspection of your home.

- Make a sketch of your home's floor plan to reference potential leakage areas, such as dropped soffits over kitchen cabinets or bath vanities, where walls (both inner and outer) meet the attic floor, slanted ceiling over stairways and any other dropped ceiling areas.
- Gather supplies and use flashlights or drop lights to create a well-lit working area.
- Wear lightweight coveralls, a hat and gloves to keep insulation off your skin, a mask to avoid inhalation of hazardous substances, and knee pads to prevent pain from crawling on attic joists.
- Walk on only trusses or joists you trust and watch for nails sticking through the roof deck.
- Utilize inexpensive weather-stripping, caulking, and filler material to seal air leaks.



Attic air sealing may be a DIY project if your attic is accessible and large enough to allow you to move around. Contact a contractor first if you inspect your attic and detect any of the following:

- Wet or damp insulation indicating a leaky roof.
- Moldy or rotted attic rafters or floor joists indicating moisture problems.
- Kitchen, bathroom, and clothes dryer vents that exhaust moist air directly into the attic space instead of outdoors.
- Little or no attic ventilation.
- If you have unsealed and uninsulated recessed can lights, special care must be taken when insulating around these fixtures.

TIPS & TRICKS

FOR COLD WEATHER PREP

Power outages during frigid winter months can endanger lives. Being prepared can help you and your family stay safe and comfortable.

BEFORE AN OUTAGE

- Check flashlights and battery-powered portable radios to ensure that they are working and you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm.
- Use caution if using candles for light.
- Have sufficient heating fuel, as regular sources may be cut off. Have emergency heating equipment and fuel (a gas fireplace, wood burning stove or fireplace) so you can keep at least one room livable. Be sure the room is well ventilated.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows to keep cold air out.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide insulation.
- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspapers, covering the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing.
- Know how to shut off water valves.
- If your water supply could be affected (a well-water pump system), fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. Water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation purposes only, not as drinking water.
- During an outage, do not open the refrigerator or freezer door. Food can stay cold in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hours, and in a well-packed freezer for 48 hours (24 hours if it is half-packed).



- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.
- Review the process for manually operating an electric garage door.

DURING AN OUTAGE

- Dress for the season, wearing several layers of loose, lightweight, warm clothing, rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent.
- Mittens are better than gloves.
- Wear a hat; most body heat is lost through the top of the head.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in the extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the top of the nose. If symptoms are detected, seek medical help immediately.
- Snow drifts can be used as a makeshift freezer for food. (Be aware of attracting animals.)
- Snow can be melted as an additional water source for sanitation purposes only, not as drinking water.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative is helping ensure a brighter tomorrow for four area high school seniors by supporting their dreams of a life-enriching higher education. The cooperative's scholarship committee selected four 2019 graduates from across the cooperative service territory to receive \$1,000 each toward a continuing education. Selections were made by the committee from among many qualified applicants.

Recipients of the 2019 NOEC College Scholarship include: Addey Small of Welch, Anna Wieneke of Quapaw, Cheyenne Mitchell of Grove, and Courtney Schulze of Adair.

ADDEY SMALL | CRAIG & ROGERS



Brian Kelly and Addey Small

Addey Small represented the Craig and Rogers County area in accepting the 2019 NOEC College Scholarship. Addey is the daughter of Todd and Michelle Small of Welch.

Addey graduated from Welch High School in May and will be attending West Texas A&M University this fall. She plans on making Agricultural Communications the focus of her studies.

Addey was no stranger to academic achievement during her preparatory experience as demonstrated by her lengthy list of scholastic honors. She was a 2019 Presidential Scholar Nominee, Welch High School Student of The Month and, by the time she graduated, had completed nine honors classes and 33 hours of concurrent college credit.

Addey's extracurricular participation was robust. She was a four-year member of the Texas High School Rodeo Association and served two terms as director of the organization's Region 3 Breakaway event. As a four-year

member of the Business Professionals of America (BPA), Addey was awarded first place during the 2016 state competition and seventh place at the 2016 national competition in the category of Team Website Design. In 2018 BPA competitions, Addey took first place at state in Desktop Publishing and placed second in the category of Financial Math & Analysis. Addey served as BPA chapter president her senior year.

A decorated three-year member of her school's FFA chapter, Addey took second for Team Agricultural Sales and fourth for Individual Agricultural Sales at the 2017 Oklahoma FFA State Interscholastic competition. The same two categories earned her silver and bronze, respectively, during the 2017 FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. Addey earned a Greenhand Degree and Equine Production Award in 2017. In 2018, she added a Chapter Degree and a placing of 34th at the Tulsa State Fair Commercial Cattle Grading competition. Addey served as Welch FFA Chapter Treasurer for the 2017-2018 school year and as Chapter President in 2018-2019.

Additional organizational membership for Addey included: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (five years), Technology Student Association (four years), National Honors Society (three years), and Student Council (one year). She held the office of treasurer for the Technology Student Association during the 2015-2016 school year and was TSA president in 2016-2017. She was STUCO Junior Class Treasurer in 2017-2018 and Senior Class Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year. She also served as National Honors Society Chapter Vice-President for 2018-2019.

Community service for Addey meant serving as both a volunteer and coordinator of the school's Red Cross Blood Drive for four years, tutoring both elementary and middle school students for three years, assisting elderly individuals in the community with yard work tasks for four years, singing to and visiting with nursing home patients for four years, serving as a community Fall Festival volunteer three years, and serving four years as a vacation Bible school instructor as a member of the Welch Baptist Church youth group.

Along with "good character" and "a strong work ethic," Kent Haskell, Principal at Welch Public Schools, describes Addey as a "well-rounded individual."

Said Haskell: "Addey has always been an enthusiastic and competent young lady. She is a strong student, as well as a dedicated and responsible member of the community. She is well-rounded and possesses the ability to balance education and extracurricular activities. She is anxious to help, has high moral principles, and is always willing to take the extra step to accomplish her goals. The desire to gain knowledge and succeed is the reason that Addey is one of the top students at our school. In whatever she tries, Addey will rise to the top. She is respected and popular with faculty and students alike. She is a hard-working young lady who has been an asset to our school."

Tobie Gatewood, Student Advisor at the Northeast Technology Center Afton Campus, has been equally impressed with Addey.

"I have known Addey her entire public school career and was even her counselor in elementary school. I have watched her grow and mature as a member of our community. She is a very good student with a great work ethic. She has enrolled concurrently in college courses for the past two years, showing her desire to prepare for college. Knowing Addey on a personal level, I believe her to be honest, driven and determined to succeed in all that she does. She has been active in student organizations and has great leadership qualities. She was President of FFA and competes in speech and judging contests within that organization. Addey has the ability to influence her peers in a positive manner. She possesses a wide variety of skills, therefore I have no doubt that she will excel in the next steps of her educational career."

ANNA WIENEKE | OTTAWA



Anna Wieneke and John L. Myers

Representing the Ottawa County area in accepting the 2019 NOEC College Scholarship is Anna Wieneke. Anna is the daughter of Brad and Joanne Wieneke of Quapaw. She has been accepted to Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, where she will begin her pursuit of a degree in Early Childhood Development this fall.

While working part time, Anna completed nine hours of concurrent credit at Crowder College her junior and senior years as a home-schooled student. Anna is active at her church and is a member of the children's team. She teaches children's Sunday School classes, serves as a student leader of her youth group, leads a one-on-one mentoring program for younger students, and participates as an instrumentalist and vocalist in the church praise band.

As a volunteer in the community, Anna has given her time to serve at projects such as Souls Harbor, LifeChoices Pregnancy Center, Rapha House, and Ronald McDonald House.

"It has been my great pleasure to know, teach and interact with Anna for the past eight years," said Ginny Andrews, Academic Coordinator for the Association of Christian Home-school Families in Joplin, Missouri. **"I taught Anna for several years and I know her to be thoughtful, interested and respectful. She is an attentive student who asks good questions, listens to other students and is a general delight to have in the classroom. I have watched Anna grow into a young woman who is not only a joy to have in the classroom but someone who also lifts up those around her and looks out for the interest of others. She is a leader who can be trusted to make good decisions**

and whose character gives her a strong voice amongst her peers. Anna is both a dedicated student and a respected young woman of strong character who shows dedication to whatever she is doing."

Brice Martin, a deacon at the church Anna and her family attend, also provided a strong personal reference.

"Anna exhibits so many characteristics of what we hope for in the next generation. She has an unwavering commitment to honesty and integrity in all that she does," he said. "She has exhibited a strong work ethic in the tasks for which she is responsible. I have never seen anything but great teamwork skills and strong work ethic in her endeavors. She has a unique ability to help encourage and listen to everyone's opinion and then to help people around her be successful in tackling tasks at hand. She has been a mentor to many peers and younger youth on a personal level as she loves and encourages them. She is quick to invest her time to help others. This is such a valuable characteristic to see in any of the next generation."

Martin added: **"Anna is committed to her family and friends and is passionate in her dedication to the things she believes in. She tackles any obstacle with a positive attitude and is quick to provide solutions to problems rather than complain. She has made a positive impact on her surroundings."**

CHEYENNE MITCHELL | DELAWARE



Cheyenne Mitchell and Benny L. Seabourn

Grove High School's Cheyenne Mitchell accepted the 2019 NOEC College Scholarship for the Delaware County area. The daughter of Grove residents Craig and Ginger Mitchell, Cheyenne will begin her pursuit of a degree this fall at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College. She plans one day to secure a job in the medical field.

Completion of advanced placement coursework for Cheyenne included: AP Biology, Pre-AP Biology, AP Language and Pre-AP Language.

Cheyenne was an active student during her high school experience. She was four-year member each of the National Honors Society, Indian National Honors Society, and Student Council. She served three years as a class representative/officer, was a member of the Interact Club, the Grand Savings Bank Junior Bank Board, and the Integris Hospital Junior Board. As a member of the Interact Club, Cheyenne was involved in several community projects, including Angel Tree, Polar Plunge Fundraiser, and Readathon. She served as a volunteer usher for the local play performance of Beauty and the Beast, assisted two years with the Grove Lower Elementary Carnival, ushered at the 2018 Grove High School commencement, was a member of the GHS Prom Committee, and was selected as Homecoming Representative for Student Council. Additionally, Cheyenne served as coordinator for the Random Acts of Kindness campaign and also coordinated assemblies during C.O.W. Week.

Cheyenne was rightfully proud of the school's involvement with C.O.W. Week.

"C.O.W. Week stands for 'Changing Our World Week,'" she explained. "It is a philanthropic project that started three years ago through student council and I have been an active member since the beginning. We involve our community in assisting a local charity. We help spread the work by visiting with local businesses each year and telling them about our purpose and recipient charity. Our first year was the Backpack Program and we raised over \$13,000. Our second year was Petra's Closet and we raised over \$22,000. This year our recipient was DCCSAN out of Jay. Our small group of student council students put in countless hours of work from decorating the school to coordinating every event to make sure everything ran smoothly. It is not just about how much we raise but also the involvement of the community and awareness for the charity. Our mottos have been 'Change Starts Here' and 'If You do Things the Right Way for the Right Reason, It Will All Work Out.'"

Terri Guthridge, AP Language Instructor at Grove High School was more than happy to vouch for Cheyenne.

"In all of my dealings with Cheyenne, she has shown to be a young woman of character, intelligence and talent," Guthridge remarked. "She gets along well with her peers and is well represented by her teachers. Her work ethic is exceptional and she has been in the National Honor

Society all four years of high school. Cheyenne has also taken several AP and concurrent college classes to further her education. She is involved in many extracurricular activities that encourage community service and she shows great leadership through these clubs. She has volunteered numerous hours to help better our community and school. She is also highly involved in our school's philanthropy project every year and has worked many hours outside of school to make this happen."

Added Guthridge: "I strongly believe that Cheyenne will be an asset to any college. I was blessed to have her in my class and I know she will be successful in everything she strives for. I highly recommend Cheyenne and feel very fortunate to have been part of her educational career."

Grove High School's Assistant Principal, Bobby Kreutz, was also quick to recommend Cheyenne.

"Cheyenne is an outstanding young lady who has been a class officer and a member of our student council for four years straight. She has been an extremely active member of our C.O.W. Week team, which is our student-led philanthropic week at Grove High School. As a member of this team, Cheyenne helped raise over \$35,000 in two years for two non-profit organizations in the community. She consistently helps others and always does this with a smile on her face. I would strongly recommend Cheyenne as she is a caring person who tries to make the world a better of place by her actions and decisions."

COURTNEY SCHULZE | MAYES



Sharron Gay and Courtney Schulze

The 2019 NOEC College Scholarship for the Mayes County area was presented to Adair High School's Courtney Schulze. Courtney is the daughter of Laurance and Jacque Schulze of Adair. She will attend Tulsa Community College in preparation for a career as a physical therapy assistant.

Courtney graduated this spring with Honors and Distinction, and completed concurrent coursework in Trigonometry/Calculus, Chemistry and Physics. An active student, she was the head football trainer and a basketball trainer. She has been involved in FFA for the past seven years and last served on the advisory council as well as chapter treasurer for the Adair High School FFA program. She served as class secretary her freshman year and as class vice-president her junior year.

"Courtney is an outstanding student, maintaining a high GPA while being involved in several extracurricular activities and taking concurrent college courses," advised Robin DeLozier, FCS Instructor at Adair High School. "She has been very active in FFA, serving as a chapter officer and exhibiting livestock. She has also served as an athletic trainer for the Adair High School football team. Courtney represents these organizations very well. Courtney also works at a local grocery store, logging many hours during the school week and on weekends. She has been a very good employee while managing her school activities and classes."

No stranger to work outside of school, Courtney has earned a wage as a cashier, floor stocker, dairy stocker, sacker and babysitter.

Added DeLozier: "Courtney has many skills which make her a good candidate for the NOEC College Scholarship. She is goal-oriented, punctual, creative, and organized. She always presents her best work on assignments."

Courtney's employer, Charles Scott, was happy to provide a recommendation.

"Courtney is a valuable employee who has the ability to perform tasks assigned to her with excellent results," he said. "She is punctual and has very good attendance. She is a delight to work with and has taken care of our customers very well. Courtney is a person of integrity and an overall fine young lady. Because of her self-motivation and proven work habits, I would highly recommend her for your scholarship program."



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STAYING SAFE ON HALLOWEEN



COSTUMES

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, give them glow sticks, or flashlights
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation *968447*

TRICK OR TREATING

- Children, teens, and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up, and walk across the street
- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until you are able to inspect their candy

SAFETY TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

- Watch for children who may dart out into the street, and always yield to pedestrians. If you see one child, there are likely more who will attempt to cross.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
- Try to park in a spot where you won't need to back up. If you must back up, have an adult outside to make sure no children are in the way of your vehicle.
- Don't use cell phone or other mobile device while driving. Pull over safely to check voice messages or texts if necessary.



THE BLIND SWINE

MONKEY ISLAND VENUE PROVIDES GREAT EATS, DRINKS, & TIMES

Just because the weather is turning cooler doesn't mean it is time to stop heading toward the lake for a great time. The Blind Swine is a craft cocktail lounge, eatery, and live music venue open seven days a week, regardless of the time of year.

Owners Bailey and Lori Stanphill set out to provide guests with a unique imbibing and dining experience. Named with a reference to Prohibition, the Blind Swine provides that speakeasy feel. "During prohibition, speakeasys were located by word-of-mouth. 'Come have a drink at the Blind Tiger,'" explains Bailey.

"LORI AND I WANTED A NAME THAT NODDED TO THOSE TIMES, BUT ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC THAT THIS IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED AND INVITED HERE."

The Blind Swine is the culmination of many years of planning. The Stanphills took the leap toward their dream in 2015 when they acquired the closed Armadillo Club on Monkey Island. Lori guides the look and feel of the customer's experience while Bailey, a professional bartender and mixologist, perfects the cocktail and food craft by taking advantage of fresh ingredients and creating his own flavored syrups and infused alcohols.

"We knew a need wasn't being met in the area," added Lori. "If you came off the lake or are out later in the evening, your dining options were limited. We also wanted to take care of that by having a kitchen open until 1:00 a.m."

They began an extensive renovation, creating a venue that makes you feel a little cooler, a little hipper just for walking through the door. They opened the doors in 2017 to the bar area located in the south end of the building while continuing a dining room expansion that can now accommodate up to 350 patrons. "Our dining room has really made this a great place for families to enjoy," offered Lori. "The expansion also allows us to offer our 'Library Lounge' which is a great place to hold your own, private event."

Focusing on high-quality food and drinks that are also easily affordable is very important to the Stanphills. The attention to details and flavor combinations have earned them culinary awards both times they participated in Taste of Grand in Grove. Menu items signal to the unique name with a Whiskey Pig, Swine Rinds, and gourmet hot dogs, but the flavors don't end there.

You will want to follow the restaurant on Facebook, so you don't miss the opportunity to enjoy their daily, off-menu specials. Specials may be a new sandwich or tasty pasta creation; they are always changing to take advantage of fresh ingredients.





Standing specials include wings on Monday during football season, a featured taco for Taco Tuesday, kids-eat-free on Thursday, steaks on Friday and Saturday, and fish on Saturday. Plans are underway to introduce bike night on Wednesday. By following Blind Swine on Facebook you will also learn about upcoming entertainment.

Providing a location to enjoy live music adds to the customer experience. Musicians from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Kansas City frequently make the Blind Swine home for a night. Karaoke enthusiasts will enjoy the mic on Thursdays, while Sunday offers Open Jam night to anyone wanting to play or sing.

The Blind Swine offers a lot to anyone that stops, but, advised Bailey,

"WE AREN'T FINISHED, YET. LOOK FOR A SECOND LOCATION ON THE WATER. WE HOPE TO HAVE IT READY WITH NEXT LAKE SEASON."

The Blind Swine is open seven days a week from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. They also offer off-site food and cocktail catering. It's easy to find at 28601 S. Hwy 125 on Monkey Island. Visit their website at blindswinelounge.com or scan this QR code to visit them on Facebook.



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SUBMITTED BY: FRANCES SHERMAN

PULLED PORK LOIN

1 Pork Loin • 1 Envelope Onion Soup Mix • 1 Can Dr. Pepper or Root Beer

Place the pork loin in a slow cooker and rub with soup mix. Pour soda over the loin and cook on low heat 8-9 hours or overnight. Use two forks to pull meat apart. Serve as is or with a sauce of your choice.

Frances's Note: I received this recipe from two different friends.

Preparer's Note: This pulled pork is so versatile. Use it to make great sandwiches (we did a Cuban with ham, Swiss cheese, pickles, and mustard), top a baked potato, or make a yummy soft taco.

SUBMITTED BY: MARY PORTER

BARBECUE CHICKEN BAKE

1 lb Boneless, Skinless, Chicken Breasts • 1 Can Refrigerated Buttermilk Biscuits • 1, 18oz Bottle Barbecue Sauce • 2 Cups Shredded Mozzarella Cheese • 3 Tbsp Chopped, Fresh, Cilantro

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with non-stick spray. Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces then cook in a lightly-oiled skillet for 10 minutes or until cooked through. Remove chicken to a large bowl. Lay out biscuits and cut each into 8 pieces. Add sauce and biscuit pieces to chicken and toss to coat. Spread evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle cheese over the top and bake 30 minutes or until the top is golden brown. Finish with chopped cilantro and serve hot.



SUBMITTED BY: WOODY HANSEN

RATTLESNAKE DELIGHT

2 Rattlesnakes • 2 Cups Flour • 1/2 tsp Salt • 1 tsp Black Pepper • 1 Cup Canola Oil

Select the rattlers. Chop off the heads, but be careful; a rattler can still bite 10-15 minutes later. Skin, clean, and quarter the snakes. In a bowl, combine flour, salt, and pepper. Rinse snake quarters, then roll in flour, dusting off excess. Add oil to a cast iron skillet for frying. Bring temperature to 350° F and add snake. Fry 4 minutes then turn and fry an additional 3 minutes. Remove from oil to drain. Season with additional salt and pepper, if desired.

Woody's note: Be adventurous! Eat wild, organic rattlesnake. It's low calorie.



SUBMITTED BY: WILMA MCCORD

APPLE CIDER CHEESECAKE

- 10 oz Can Apple Pie Filling
- 1 Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- 10 oz Cream Cheese, Softened
- 4 oz Whipped Topping, Thawed
- 4 Packages Spiced Cider Mix
- 1 tsp Sour Cream
- 1 Crunchy Granola Bar, Crumbled

Spread pie filling in the bottom of graham cracker crust. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, and cider mix until fluffy. Beat in whipped topping. Spread over the top of apple pie filling and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Sprinkle with granola crumbs right before serving.

SUBMITTED BY: LOIS PITTS

JALAPEÑO DIP

- 8 oz Cream Cheese, Room Temperature
- 8 oz Sour Cream
- 8 oz (More or Less) Canned Jalapeños, Chopped and Drained
- 1/4 Cup Tart Jelly, Such As Plum
- 2 tsp Cumin

Mix cream cheese and sour cream until smooth. Melt jelly in a small pan; add peppers and cook for 1 minute. Stir into cheese mixture. Taste for desired level of heat and add more peppers if wanted. Stir in the cumin and chill before serving.

Lois's note: If you don't use all the peppers, save them for another batch. I'm sure you will want more!



SUBMITTED BY: LINDA WEEKS

TEXAS WHITE SHEET CAKE

- 2 Cups Flour
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1/4 tsp Baking Soda
- 1 Cup Butter, Softened
- 1 Cup Water
- 2 Eggs
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 1 tsp Almond Extract
- Frosting: 1/2 Cup Butter, Softened
- 1/4 Cup Milk
- 1/2 tsp Almond Extract
- 4 1/2 Cups Powdered Sugar
- 1 Cup Chopped Walnuts

Preheat oven to 375° F. Grease a 15 x 10 x 1 sheet pan. In a large bowl, whisk together dry cake ingredients and set aside. In a saucepan, combine water and butter; bring to a boil. Stir into dry ingredients. In a small bowl, combine eggs, sour cream, and almond extract. Pour into flour mixture and whisk together. Pour into prepared sheet pan and bake 20 minutes or until done. Cool 20 minutes. For frosting, combine butter and milk in saucepan. Bring just to a boil then remove from heat. Stir in sugar and extract. Cream together with a mixer to make frosting. Stir in walnuts, then spread on warm cake. Serve while still warm if you can.

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WADE, SCOTT E - LAMAR MO
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WALKER, JERRY D - SALINA OK
WALKER, K M - BIXBY OK
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WALKER, TERRY B - PURDY MO
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WALLIS, BRAD E - MUSKOGEE OK
WALTERS, RONALD - AFTON OK
WALTERS, RONALD - RALEIGH NC
WARD, M T - BOYNTON OK
WARD, RAY W/JANICE L - JAY OK
WARD, VERNON E - ROSE OK
WARDEN, DAN - NEOSHO MO
WARDEN, ROBERT P - JOPLIN MO
WARDER, KIM K - SILOAM SPRINGS AR
WARLICK, AUZZIE M - KANSAS OK
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WATKINS, GARRY W - DE WITT AR
WATSON, CHARLES C - GROVE OK
WATSON, KAREN - AFTON OK
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WEATHERMAN, LESTER L - N KANSAS CITY MO
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WEAVER, MIKE - JAY OK
WEBB, BILL - GROVE OK

WEBB, JOHN R - VINITA OK
WEBB, V L - DISNEY OK
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WEBBER, JAMES K - MIAMI OK
WEBER, BRAD - TULSA OK
WEBER, HAZEL - TULSA OK
WEBER, ROY F - ANCHORAGE AK
WEBSTER, D L - BARTLESVILLE OK
WEBSTER, JERRY L - PRYOR OK
WEEKS, RALPH B - GROVE OK
WEELEY, DICK - JAY OK
WEHRLE, MARTHA N (SMITH) - DISNEY OK
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WEISS, JON D - GROVE OK
WELCH, JACKIE - KANSAS OK
WELCH, KATHY E - MIAMI OK
WELCH, LINDA - CHELSEA OK
WELCH, MICHAEL D - GENTRY AR
WELCH, SANDI - JAY OK
WELCH-SHOTPOUCH, HELEN R - JAY OK
WELKER, MARGARET J - GROVE OK
WELLS, JUNE A - GROVE OK
WELLS, LO - VINITA OK
WENZEL, LEW - TULSA OK
WEST SILOAM SPRINGS BODY & PAINT
WEST SILOAM SPRINGS SPEEDWAY
WEST, C D - GROVE OK
WEST, JAMES D - GROVE OK
WEST, JOHN F - PANAMA CITY FL
WEST, JUDY G (YOUNG) - LOCUST GROVE OK
WEST, KENNETH D - TULSA OK
WETHEY, FLOYD J - WYANDOTTE OK
WETTER, TED - KANSAS CITY MO
WHEELER, JAMES F - ROSEVILLE CA
WHITCOMB, GAYLE - KANSAS OK
WHITE, BETTY V - BIG CABIN OK
WHITE, DERRICK - SALINA OK
WHITE, JIM L - AFTON OK
WHITE, RANDALL - GROVE OK
WHITE, ROBERT F/MARRENA S - FAIRLAND OK
WHITE, SEAN - MIAMI OK
WHITESIDE, CECIL J - GRAVETTE AR
WHITMIRE, MARION G/FLORENCE - TULSA OK
WIGGINS, GARY A/MARGARET - KANSAS OK
WIGGINS, J P - OAKS OK
WILBURN, GENE/PAULA - TULSA OK
WILCOX, BILL - VINITA OK