

Sweet ways to welcome warmer days



FLUFFY BLUEBERRY CREAM PIE WITH TOASTED COCONUT

Warmer, longer days are made for quality time with friends and family. There's no better way to cap off an afternoon in the sun than a good meal followed by a great dessert. Plan to end your next gathering on a sweet note with these fruity desserts to conclude a day spent with loved ones.

Fruity treats are hard to resist, especially when paired with tasty, complementary flavors and textures. If you're looking for a treat that travels a bit off the beaten path, this pie may be just the answer. A crushed pretzel crust and creamy peanut butter filling provide a salty, savory background for plump, sweet strawberries. Or serve up a taste of the tropics with a cream pie that celebrates a medley of textures and flavors from lively blueberries to toasted coconut.

When you make fruit the star of the dessert, there's no question you need top-quality ingredients. Each of these desserts features Lucky Leaf Fruit Fillings, which are made from fresh fruit, contain no high-fructose corn syrup and are GMO-free, for a delicious dessert every

time. With a variety of flavors to choose from, including apple, blueberry, cherry, peach and strawberry, there are plenty of convenient dessert options for any occasion.

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STRAWBERRY PEANUT BUTTER PIE

1 1/4 cups crushed pretzels
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 1/2 cups frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed
1 can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf Premium Strawberry Fruit Filling and Topping

Combine pretzels and granulated sugar then stir in butter. Press crumb mixture onto bottom and sides of 10-inch pie plate. Cover and chill.

With electric mixer on medium speed, beat together peanut butter, cream cheese and pow-

dered sugar. Fold in whipped dessert topping.

Spoon 1/2 cup pie filling into crust-lined pie plate. Carefully spread peanut butter filling over top. Top with remaining pie filling. Cover and chill 2 hours before serving.

FLUFFY BLUEBERRY CREAM PIE WITH TOASTED COCONUT

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon milk
2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 can (21 ounces) Lucky Leaf Premium or Organic Blueberry Fruit Filling or Topping
1/2 cup toasted coconut flakes, plus additional for topping, if desired
1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)

In large bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar and milk until creamy, about 1-2 minutes. Add whipped topping, pie filling and coconut; carefully fold together until no streaks remain.

Spoon filling mixture into graham cracker crust. Sprinkle top with additional coconut flakes, if desired. Cover and chill 2 hours, or until firm.

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FCEC NEWS

Gondola Restaurant was the location for the May meeting of the Midway FCE. President Dian Greene blessed the meal and welcomed new member Carol Clark.

Secretary Irene Fuston called the roll, asking the 17 members what kind of tree they would like to be and where they would grow. She also read the minutes of the previous meeting, and treasurer Mary Rubley gave the financial report.

Sue Adcock displayed a basket, a quilt and Swedish weaving project she did in the Crafting Then and Now class. Fuston shared the idea of storing coats or clothing in pillowcases. This allows the material to breathe, where dry cleaning bags do not. Jean Smith shared some beautiful iris she had grown, placing them in an iris vase.

A&R Day was a success, with the club receiving first place on the secretary book, second on scrapbook, and nine members received Gerber daisies for Gold Stars.

Brenda Blocker and Rubley attended the

environmental leader training last month. Everyone donated lots of baked items for our bake sale held at Foodland Plus, with Blocker, Rubley and Greene working the sale.

Our members discussed and decided on preparations for the royal wedding. Rubley and Blocker are making plans to attend the 4-H banquet this month. The members decided to donate white towels and washcloths for the Fisher House next month. They are encouraged to attend the county council in June and wear red, white and blue that day.

June Dairy Day has been set for June 13. An outing has been set to view Russell Watson's iris fields in Smithville.

Linda Fisher, Mary Rubley and Yalta Dunlap celebrated a May birthday and shared their birthday dessert. We will celebrate Day of the Family, with everyone enjoying time with their family. The next meeting will be at Midway FCE on June 6.

BEST WISHES

Southern Standard readers are invited to extend happy birthday and anniversary best wishes to friends and loved ones through this weekly column. Please submit your messages by our noon deadline each Thursday. No more than three wishes to any individual, please.

May 15 – Happy 91st birthday to Juanita King. From all your girls who love you every more.

May 20 – Birthday wishes to Butch and Paul Biles. From, Felicia.

May 20 – Lydia Roberts, happy birthday to you. From, Felicia.

May 21 – Happy birthday to Devona. Love, Mama and Daddy.

May 21 – Happy birthday to my Cupcake. Love, James

May 21 – Happy 18th birthday to Shawn Duncan. Love, Uncle James and Grandma.

May 23 – Big happy birthday wishes to Joy Slatton.

May 24 – Happy birthday J.B. Smith.

May 26 – Houston Hobbs, another birthday? Have a good one!

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