

DURANT NEWS



cookies, sugar cookies, graham crackers, fruit or pretzels.

SALTED PECANS
 4 cups pecan halves
 ½ stick butter
 1 Tbsp. salt
 ½ tsp. white pepper
 Few drops Tabasco

Heat oven to 350 degrees and melt butter in a shallow, sided baking sheet. Add Tabasco to melted butter and mix. Add nuts and stir to coat. Bake approximately 20 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes. Mix salt and pepper and sprinkle on nuts after toasting. Let cool.

CRANBERRY STRAWBERRY CONGEALED SALAD

1 pkg. frozen strawberries, thawed
 1 pkg. strawberry jell-o
 ¾ cup boiling water
 1 can whole cranberry sauce
 ½ cup pecans, chopped
 Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; add strawberries, cranberry sauce, and pecans. Pour into gelatin mold and refrigerate.*Whenever I make a congealed salad, I always add a packet of unflavored gelatin to insure a good congealed texture.

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*On October 22 I was told that county was paving the front street up town in Durant. I got my camera and went up there to see what was going on. I was excited to see work begun on one lane. It has been some years since the street has been paved up town. I hope I had something to do with that, because a few letters back, to the editor, I wrote that businesses should have the city to pave front street. They paved the whole street and it looks real good up town. I am hoping the county will move on to other bad streets in Durant.

I am also hoping someone will clean up the other end of the front street where they tore down the building. I am thinking the city could put up a white eight foot fence if no one is going to rebuild down there. They need to take down the other buildings. That end could be the historic site for a large mural painted on large canvas across from the train depot. These murals could hang on the white eight foot fence on the street. The murals could depict what Durant looked like in the 1950s to 1970s. A fence could also be put up by Ward's Jewelry Store behind the flower boxes. This murals would be a way to let

people remember what Durant looked like back then, and the young people see what Durant was like before they were born.

I went to Lexington on Tuesday and noticed on the square, the black plastic is still on the court house building. I don't know why the hole has not been fixed. If someone gets hurt the county could be sued. I hope Holmes County has a building inspector. I hope someone also would fix up the old service station on the square. My opinion, it is the focus point on the square. If these buildings were in Kosciusko, they would be fixed up. The state should make it mandatory for each county to inspect there historic buildings at least every two years to maintain them.

On Tuesday, Election Day, my dad who is 82 years old, had to vote absentee. This was the first time my dad voted absentee. My dad votes in every election since people had the right to vote. I don't understand why we had to go down to Williams-Sullivan when there are empty buildings up town like the new senior citizen building. I don't understand who picks the voting places.

My heart and prayers go out to the people of

Pittsburgh and the 11 members of the synagogue that were killed. What ever that is going on across America, Mr. Trump is our president whether we like it or not. My opinion, we should pray for him and America. My opinion, it could be a reason why God let Donald Trump be our president.

Happy Thanksgiving Holmes County Herald readers!
**By Frances Patterson*



November 22 - Jay and Judy Austin, Bryan and Krisie Jenkins, Bryan and Samantha Murtagh

November 24 - George and Janie Wynne, Wilburn and Warren White, Willie and Patricia Gary, Derrick and Shareta Coleman

November 27 - Willie and Alice Hodges

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Thanksgiving week off

This week is all about getting ready for Thanksgiving and the Egg Bowl – all in the same day! Today I have some recipes for you to have during this week's festivities. I hope you will give them a try. Happy Thanksgiving, Go Dawgs, and Thanks for reading.

BUTTER PECAN POUND CAKE

1 box butter pecan cake mix
 1 cup water
 1 cup vegetable oil
 4 eggs
 1 (16 oz.) can caramel pecan frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a Bundt pan with Baker's Joy cooking spray and set aside. Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Beat with a handheld mixer until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool in pan for 10 minutes and invert on a wire rack to cool completely.

1 (1 oz.) pkg. taco seasoning mix
 1 (10 oz.) can Ro-Tel diced tomatoes
 1 (lb.) pkg. Velveeta, cubed
 1 (16 oz.) loaf party rye bread

In a large skillet, cook ground beef until no longer pink; drain fat. Add taco seasoning and undrained tomatoes to skillet; cook about 3 minutes and remove from heat. Add cheese and stir until melted. Spread mixture on top of rye bread slices and bake at 350 degrees for about 15 minutes.

BUTTERFINGER DIP

2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
 1 (8 oz.) container Cool Whip, thawed
 ¼ cup brown sugar
 1 (10 oz.) bag Butterfinger baking bits

Beat cream cheese and brown sugar with a handheld mixer until light and fluffy. Fold in Cool Whip and Butterfinger bits until fluffy and all ingredients are incorporated. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Great with vanilla wafers, sugar wafer

TACO PARTY TOASTS

1 ½ lbs. ground beef

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