



**Valentine's Day Facts**

With Valentine's Day in the rearview mirror, there are quite a few interesting facts about this gift-giving holiday. There are also some interesting superstitions as well.

- Pink and red are the colors of love.
- Almost half of the engagements for the year happen on Valentine's Day – about 220,000.
- By tradition, a young girl was supposed to have married the first eligible male she met on Valentine's Day.
- If you find a glove on Valentine's Day, your future spouse will have the other glove.
- Sighting one of these birds on Valentine's Day will determine what kind of person you will marry:
  - Dove – a mate for life
  - Sparrow – someone poor
  - Robin – a sailor or crime fighter
  - Goldfinch – a millionaire
  - Bluebird – someone happy
  - Owl – you will be a spinster
  - Blackbird – a clergyman
  - Crossbill – someone argumentative

This year, Americans spent about \$20 billion on Valentine's Day:

- Teachers receive the most cards; followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts, and pets.
- More than 36 million heart-shaped boxes were sold across the country.
- Men spent twice as much money as women.
- It was the second largest card giving day, after Christ-

mas.

- Over 50 million roses were sent – mostly red.
- Valentine's Day is the second biggest flower giving day, next to Mother's Day.
- Most people prefer chocolate over flowers.
- The favorite chocolate candy in that heart-shaped box is caramel. Caramel is followed by chocolate covered nuts, chocolate filled, cream filled, and coconut.

More than 1/3 of the men in America are comfortable with not receiving anything on Valentines, Day. Over 18% of American women sent themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

I hope you will give today's recipes a try. Thanks for reading.

**NO BAKE CRACKER SNACK MIX**

2 (1/2 oz.) pkg. ranch dressing mix  
2/3 cup vegetable oil  
1 tsp. dried dill  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 (10 oz.) pkg. oyster crackers  
1 (10 oz.) pkg. baked cheese crackers (I use Cheez-Its)  
3 cups pretzels

In a small bowl, combine dressing mix, oil, dill and garlic powder; mix well. In a large bowl, combine oyster crackers, cheese crackers, and pretzels; pour oil mixture over and toss well until coated. Cover and toss mixture every 30 minutes or 2 hours. Store in an airtight container.

**UPSIDE DOWN PIZZA CASSEROLE**

**\*Holmes 4-H'ers**

(Continued from page 1.) Tyler's other bull entry Red Rock, also, made the Top Five designation of the show after winning his class of Simmental bulls. Tyler's Percentage Simmental heifer won her class. Davian Powell's bull Dillons Royal Flush won its age division of Percentage Simmentals and was named in the Top Five of MS bred Simmentals in the show. Malachi's Simmental bull placed 2nd in its class, as well. Tyler Diffey, also, placed 5th in this year's Premier Beef Exhibitor Contest.

The Lamb Show was conducted on Monday, February 4, Holmes County had five exhibitors in the various divisions.

Sheep Showmanship highlights included Orin Howell placing 6th in the 9-year-old division, Lydia Killebrew 7th in 10-year-olds, Wes Jolley, 8th in 11-year-olds, Maeson Jolley 12th in 12-year-

olds and Livi Howell 4th in 15-year-olds. Also, showing of interest to Holmes Countians were, Virginia King placing 3rd as an 8-year-old and McCarty King winning the 10-year-old division. (Virginia and McCarty belong to Nick King – former Holmes County 4-H'er.)

In the Wether Dam category (this would be Commercial Ewes) Livi Howell placed 2nd and Orin 4 th. Livi's dam was selected as MS Bred Reserve Champion division 1 Wether Dam. In the Market Lamb division, Lydia Killebrew placed 7th with her lightweight. Orin Howell placed 5th with his light-mediumweight. In Mediumweights, McCarty placed 3rd; Maeson and Wes Jolley 8th and Lydia Killebrew 12th. Livi finished the Lamb show placing 5th with her light-heavyweight entry.

The Meat Goat Show capped Holmes County's livestock team's success for the 2019 with numerous



**February 14** - Edward and Aljean Friar, Gage and Janet Hynum  
**February 15** - Buddy and Tina Bishop  
**February 17** - Bro. Jack and April Wooten  
**February 20** - Danny and Sondra Cain

1 lb. ground sausage  
 1/2 lb. pepperoni slices  
 1/2 small onion, thinly sliced  
 1 (6 oz.) can sliced mushrooms, drained  
 1 (6 oz.) can sliced black olives, drained  
 2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese  
 1 (15 oz.) can Italian style tomato sauce  
 1 (10 oz.) pkg. refrigerated biscuits

In a large skillet, cook sausage until brown and drain well. Stir in tomato sauce; heat through. Transfer to a 2 quart baking dish; top with pepperoni slices, onion, mushrooms, and olives. Sprinkle with cheese. Flatten biscuits and arrange on top of cheese. Bake at 400 degrees about 15 minutes or until top is golden.

**CHOCOLATE COBBLER**

1 cup self-rising flour  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 2 Tbsp. plus 1/4 cup baking cocoa, divided  
 1/2 cup whole milk  
 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
 1 cup packed light brown sugar  
 1 3/4 cups hot water

In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, and 2 tablespoons of the cocoa. Stir in milk and oil until smooth. Pour into a grease 8-inch baking dish. Combine the brown sugar and remaining cocoa; sprinkle over the batter. Pour hot water over the top – Do Not



**February 14** - Danielle Lawson, Brandon Mayo, Rush Melton, Eddie Ellison, Johnny Watson

**February 15** - Milton Parrish, Kaitlynn Geotes, Connie Dees Cheek, Kelly Donald Henley Patterson, Toni Lawshe, John Michael Hammett, Ella Bradlee Cothran, Edward Wong

**February 16** - William Gilmore, Paul Padgett, Wade Self, John Hays, Don Barrett, Mary G. Hall, Beth Adcock, Marlin Lowrey, Katherine Cagle, Jan Webster, Patrick Thompson

**February 17** - Joy Trehern, Maurice Benson, Shundrika Peterson, James Hughes, Jeffery Grayson, John Prince

**February 18** - Davis Dew, Diane Montgomery McLain, Lisa Williamson, Annice McCrory, Hallie Fancher, Glenda Bhangu, Tammy Higdon Carraway, Chris Adcock

**February 19** - Rhonda Spell Langford, Haley Blain, Juanita Barnes, Laura Ellis, Ouida McCrory, Walter Kirkwood, Truevane Gibson, Jr., Sue Lloyd

**February 20** - Chris Cox, Elmira Gibson, Clara Sue Pierce, Lee Lee Powell Johnson, Helen Haffey Brock, Guy Marrone, Randy Hoover

Stir. Bake at 350 degrees until top springs back when lightly touched, about 40-45 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

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showed the winner, that was also selected as the Champion Heavyweight Meat Goat and MS Bred Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat of the Show. Jordan placed 3rd in the heavyweight class.

For Holmes County, the 2019 Dixie National Show had two Holmes County Tyler's – both winning 2nd Best animal of the show in their categories – Tyler Diffey - #2 Bull in the show, Tyler Branch - #2 Market Goat in the show. Both of these youth competed in their last Dixie National Jr. Livestock Show – ending successful 4-H careers on high notes. Congratulations to all of these hardworking 4-H'ers and thank you to all of those who support them in their work.

Just a side note – there were over 1600 animals exhibited at the Dixie National this year. Those Tyler's exhibited the best of the best in their species.



**FOR RENT: Relatively** Lexington, known as Lot New brick 3 bedroom No. 606 in the 1967 house at 6788 Providence Addition. Includes a Road, Cruger, MS. Trust Receipt, No. 376, Includes a car porch and utility room with washer and dryer. Storage house is also available on the property. For additional information, contact owner Alphonzo Hill at 662-417-9944 703-339-4597. 2-7-14p

**3 CEMETERY PLOTS** 2-1ftfn in Odd Fellows Cemetery,

**City of Durant EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPEN DATE: February 5, 2019  
 POSITION: Part-time City Worker  
 CLOSING DATE: February 28, 2019  
 EXPERIENCE/EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Education:
- Graduation from a standard four-year high school or equivalent.
- Requirements:
- Applicant must possess a Valid Mississippi Driver's License.
  - Certified lineman preferred but not required.
  - Applications may be obtained from City Hall and should be submitted directly to the City Hall for processing, before the closing date.
  - Citizen of Durant preferred.

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**CITY OF DURANT EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPEN DATE: February 5, 2019  
 POSITION: Part-time Police Officer  
 SALARY: Pending  
 CLOSING DATE: February 28, 2019  
 EXPERIENCE/EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Education:
- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university in criminal justice. Accounting, sociology, social work, psychology or related field;
- OR
- Graduation from a standard four-year high school or equivalent;
- AND
- One (1) year of work related experience.

Note: In all cases, the applicant must successfully complete the Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Program as mandated by the State of Mississippi. Applicants who possess a valid certificate of completion from the Mississippi Board of Law Enforcement Standards and Training may not be required to attend the afore mentioned training program. Applicant must have typing skills and have knowledge in using Microsoft Work and Power Point. Applicants must be 21 years of age or Older and Possess a Valid Mississippi Drivers License Applicants must not have been convicted of a felony charge or Convicted of Misdemeanor charge or DUI or Domestic Assault. Applicants must be able to work alternating shifts. Substitution Statement: Related education and related experience may be substituted on an equal basis. Application may be obtained from the City Clerk office and should be submitted directly to the City Clerk's office or Police Department for processing before closing date. The City of Durant is an equal opportunity employer.