

From My Amish Kitchen: Desserts for your Love this Valentine's Day

By Doris Yoder

This finds us on a gloomy morning! We have had a lot of cold weather. Predictions are for warmer. Hopefully, that will get rid of this snow.

January was extra busy. February seems to be filling up also. Saturday, February 28th I am setting up at the "Big Feed" at the Harvest Market in Champaign. It is a fun time with vendors handing out samples. The Harvest Market sells my line of seasonings and pickled items. I would love to see you there.

The first weekend in March I will be selling food at the Spring Craft Show in Mt. Zion. I need to decide the menu and take care of permits etc. Spring will be here before we know it.

Here's some more desert recipes for your special Valentine dinner.

Cheesecake
2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
2 eggs
2/3 c. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine ingredients and mix with electric mixer for 5 minutes. Pour into greased pie pan or graham cracker crust.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, just until set, if it starts to brown lightly it should be taken out immediately. Cool and top with your choice of pie filling.

Frozen Cheesecake
Crumbs:
2 c. graham cracker crumbs
3 T. brown sugar
1/4 c. margarine, melted
Press into pan and chill.
Filling:
2 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 eggs (add 1 at a time)
2 1/2 c. whipped topping
1 c. sugar

Beat together well and spread over crust; freeze. Top with favorite pie filling just before serving. I like to beat the cream cheese separately before adding anything else, to get it nice and smooth.

Ice Cream Pie
1 c. soft oleo, melted
1/2 c. sugar
1 box graham crackers, crushed
2 c. powdered sugar.
3 T. cocoa
1 stick oleo
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 c. nuts
Mix the first 3 ingredients.

Line pans and bake. Save some for top. Mix remaining ingredients. Chill graham crackers, lined pans. Place chocolate mixture on top. Chill again, then fill with ice cream and put crumbs on top. Return to freezer until ready to use. Delicious!

Oreo and Fudge Ice Cream Cake
1/2 c. fudge ice cream topping, warmed
1 (8 oz.) ctn. Cool Whip, thawed & divided
1 (4-serving-size) pkg. instant chocolate pudding
8 Oreo chocolate sandwich cookies
12 vanilla ice cream sand-

wiches

Pour the fudge topping into a medium bowl. Stir in 1 cup of the whipped topping with a wire whisk until it's well blended. Add in the dry pudding mix, stir 2 minutes, or until well blended, if your fudge topping mixture is too thick to spread easily. Stir in 1/4 cup milk. Chop the Oreo cookies roughly into chunks. Stir into the pudding mixture. Arrange 4 of the ice cream sandwiches side by side on a 12x24-inch piece of foil; top with half of the pudding mixture. Repeat the layers. Top the pudding mixture with the remaining 4 ice cream sandwiches. The

layers create a neat striped effect when sliced. Frost the top and sides with remaining whipped topping. Bring up the foil sides. Double fold top and ends to loosely seal the packet. Freeze at least 4 hours before serving. Let stand at room temperature to soften slightly before serving. Store leftover dessert in the freezer.

Peanut Butter Ice Cream Squares
Crust:
2 c. graham cracker crumbs
1/3 c. margarine, melted
3 T. 10X sugar
Peanut Butter mixture:
1 1/2 c. peanuts, chopped
3/4 c. corn syrup

1/2 c. chunky peanut butter
1/2 gal. ice cream

Mix together ingredients for crust. Press into 9x13-inch pan. Put in freezer 10 minutes.

Ice Cream Mixture: Blend together peanuts, reserving half of peanuts for top, corn syrup and peanut butter. Whip 1/2 gallon ice cream. Put half of ice cream over graham crumbs. Spread peanut butter mixture over top of ice cream, then rest of ice cream on top. Sprinkle remaining peanuts on top, also Reese's sprinkles (optional). Remove from freezer 15 minutes before serving.

EIU announces February 2026 Performances at the Doudna Fine Arts Center

CHARLESTON, IL (02/05/2026) Eastern Illinois University's Doudna Fine Arts Center proudly presents a dynamic lineup of music, theatre, and student performances throughout February 2026, featuring Grammy-winning artists, faculty and student showcases, and a nationally recognized musical.

On Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m., audiences can celebrate Valentine's Day with EagleMania, a tribute band renowned for its faithful recreation of The Eagles' signature sound. Performing in the Dvorak Concert Hall, EagleMania will present The Eagles' greatest hits along with select solo works by Don Henley, Glenn Frey, and Joe Walsh. Tickets are \$30 or \$15, and a limited-time Doudna Date Night Package is available through Friday, February 6 (ending Saturday, February 7 at 12 a.m.), offering dinner, drinks, and show tickets for two at \$100 for the general public and \$75 for EIU students.

EIU student creativity takes center stage on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. with the EIU Singer/Songwriter Showcase in the Black Box

Theatre. This free event highlights original compositions written and performed by EIU songwriters.

The Wind Symphony & Faculty Showcase follows on Thursday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall, featuring works by Gounod, Grainger, Salfelder, Gabrieli, Ticheli, and Huang. The concert brings together EIU students and faculty members Jamie V. Ryan, Rebecca Johnson, Magie Beck, Anne Mason, and Molly Frederick in a collaborative performance. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 with discount.

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra (ESO) will perform on Friday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall. The ESO is open to all undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, faculty and staff. The string section is composed of music majors, non-music majors, and community members, and the wind and percussion sections primarily comprise music majors in EIU's Department of Music.

EIU's Choral Ensembles will perform on Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m. in the Concert Hall. The ensembles are

made up of EIU's select Concert Choir, the mixed-voice University Mixed Chorus, and the Camerata Singers chamber group.

The jazz celebration continues on Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. as the EIU Jazz Combos perform classic jazz standards alongside original student compositions and arrangements in Dvorak Concert Hall. Admission is free.

The month concludes with the musical Bright Star, running consecutive Fridays and Saturdays, February 27-28 and March 6-7 at 7:30 p.m., with matinee performances on Sunday, March 1 and March 8 at 2 p.m. in The Theatre. Featuring music by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Bright Star is a heartwarming story of love and redemption set in the American South of the 1920s and 1940s. Tickets range from \$15-\$25.

Tickets for all performances are available through the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office and online at eiu.edu/doudnatix.

About the Doudna Fine Arts Center

The Doudna Fine Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University serves as a cul-

tural hub for East Central Illinois, presenting professional touring artists, faculty and student performances, and community arts programming throughout the year. The Doudna is located on Eastern Illinois University's campus, located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Charleston. For more information about the Doudna Fine Arts Center, visit the Doudna Box Office or call (217) 581-3110.

About Eastern Illinois University

EIU prepares students to accomplish their life goals through a combination of quality academics, personal relationships, and both on-campus and online learning opportunities. For more information about Eastern Illinois University, including its broad array of academic and career readiness programs, or any of EIU's other community-based services and opportunities, visit eiu.edu or call EIU's public information office at (217) 581-7400.

View Online: <http://eiu.meritpages.com/news/EIU-announces-February-2026-Performances-at-the-Doudna-Fine-Arts-Center/57217>

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Champaign COUNTY, ILLINOIS Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC PLAINTIFF

Vs. Eugene Gerard Josephitis DEFENDANTS No. 2025FC000036 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2025, Champaign County Sheriff's Office Illinois of Champaign County will sell the mortgaged real estate described below to the highest bidder in an online auction, located at <https://champaigncountysheriff-il.roup.com/>. Bidding will begin on 03/02/2026 10:00 AM CST and will remain open until at least 03/04/2026 10:00 AM CST. If any bidding occurs in the final moments of the auction, the end of the auction will be extended automatically for successive fixed periods of time (the "anti-snipe time") to give all bidders the opportunity to submit their highest bid. The auction will end after no bidding occurs during the anti-snipe time.

The notice of sale relates to the following described mortgaged real estate:

Legal Description: LOT 16 IN SUNSET SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "K" AT PAGE 25, SITUATED IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 43-20-14-153-006 Improved with a Single Family COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1703 W William St, Champaign, IL, 61821

Sale Terms: The winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within 24 hours of the auction's end. Accepted payment methods include certified or cashier's check. Personal checks are not accepted.

The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The

sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C.

15W030 North Frontage Rd, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, Illinois, 60527 (630) 568-4080 Please refer to file number 14-25-01606

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Legal Description: THE SOUTH 32 FEET 10 1/4 INCHES OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 1 OF BUSEY AND DUNLAP'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 336 FEET OF THE WEST 600 FEET OF LOT 9 AND THE EAST 336 FEET OF THE WEST 765 FEET OF THE NORTH 93 FEET OF LOT 7 IN A SUBDIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. WEBBER, DECEASED, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF URBANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED APRIL 7, 1905 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 45261 IN PLAT BOOK "B" AT PAGE 93, SITUATED IN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 92-21-16-126-003

Improved with a Single Family COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 104 S Cottage Grove Ave, Urbana, IL, 61802

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are proud to once again be the top soybean-producing state in the U.S."

In 2024, Illinois farmers set a record in soybean production at 688 million bushels harvested and 10.8 million acres planted. In 2025, Illinois soybean farmers planted slightly less at 10.3 million acres of soybeans with an average yield of 62.5 bushels per acre.

"Checkoff investments in research and production have equipped farmers with the

tools to produce high-yielding, sustainable soybeans," said Heath Houck, ISA Soybean Production Committee Chairman. "Soybeans play a crucial role in Illinois' economy, serving as a key export commodity and innovation driver through biofuels and new uses being developed."

The runner-up in production was Iowa at more than 595 million bushels produced from 9.4 million acres planted.

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