

PUPPY CHOW

9 cups Chex
1 cup chocolate chips
½ cup peanut butter
¼ cup butter
¼ tsp. vanilla
1½ cups powdered sugar

Put cereal in large bowl. Melt chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour over Chex. Put into large plastic bag with powdered sugar and shake well to coat.

Spread mixture evenly on waxed paper and allow to cool.

Becca Delair
Keystone High School

RANCH CHEESE DIP

8 oz. whipped cream cheese
½ pkg. dry Hidden Valley Ranch dip mix

Mix together and chill. Serve on crackers or spread on sandwich.

Kathleen Duncan
Clintonville

RHUBARB JAM

2 cups sugar
5 cups rhubarb, cut small

Mix and put in refrigerator overnight. The next morning, bring it to a boil and boil hard for 3 minutes. Remove from stove. Add 3-oz. pkg. raspberry Jell-o (or any flavor). Keep refrigerated.

Gertrude Jolly
Titusville

RITZZY CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES

1 box Ritz crackers
1 pound chocolate disks (for candy making)
1 jar creamy peanut butter

Melt chocolate in double boiler or in the microwave. In the meantime, make "sandwiches" with 2 crackers and a dab of peanut butter. When chocolate is melted, remove from heat. Use tongs to dunk each sandwich in the chocolate to coat completely. Place on waxed paper to set. You can also dip half the sandwich in white chocolate and the other half in chocolate.
Carol Singleton
Greenville

SALSA

8 cups chopped tomatoes
2 cups chopped onions
1 cup chopped jalapeno peppers
1½ cups chopped green peppers
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/3 cup vinegar
1/3 cup sugar
½ cup fresh parsley, chopped
¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
½ tsp. cayenne pepper
2 tsp. salt
2 small cans tomato paste

Combine all ingredients in heavy pan. Heat over medium heat to boiling and allow to boil for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Lower heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Pour into hot pint jars and process in hot water bath for 15 minutes. Makes 5-6 pints of salsa.

Mary Duncan
Shipperville

SALSA DIP

8-oz. jar mild or medium salsa
2 pkgs. cream cheese
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Red Hot sauce
Tortilla chips

Mix salsa, cream cheese and cheddar cheese together with mixer. Beat on a medium speed until well blended. Add hot

sauce to your taste and continue to mix. Serve with tortilla chips.

Wendy Pfennigwerth
Franklin

SLUSH

12-oz. can pink lemonade
1 whole bottle (fifth) Apricot Brandy
6-oz. can orange juice
2-liter bottle of 4 percent or Wink or 50/50 (found in soft drink aisle)
1 jar maraschino cherries and juice

Mix in a large bowl and freeze overnight. Spoon into cups to serve.

Robbie J. McCrea
Oil City

SPAGHETTI SAUCE

8 pounds ripe tomatoes or 7 quarts ground tomatoes
2 cloves garlic
1 cup minced onion
6 green peppers
½ cup cooking oil
2½ Tbsp. salt
2 tsp. pepper
4 bay leaves
2 cups water

Peel tomatoes. Cook onions, garlic and peppers in oil about 5 minutes. Add to tomatoes and cook until well done. Put through strainer and cook until desired thickness.

Amber Kaltenbach
Keystone High School

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