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# Home for the Holidays

Spicing up the season with favorite recipes

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With the Christmas season upon us, people start "filling up" with a lot more than just holiday cheer.

Normally weight-conscious people shift their attention away from their waists to more satisfying spots — their tastebuds. Celebrities are no exception.

Here are some holiday recipe suggestions by famous local and non-local personalities on how to get your "fill" of what they love best.

How does Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne weather the biggest of losses? A double batch of his favorites — No-Bake Peanut Butter Balls.

**Tom Osborne's No-Bake Peanut Butter Balls**

- 1 stick margarine
- 2 cups crunchy peanut butter
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- 12-oz. package chocolate chips
- 1/2 bar paraffin
- 2 cups Rice Krispies

Melt margarine. Add peanut butter, sugar and Rice Krispies and form into balls the size of walnuts. Chill for an hour or over night. Melt chocolate chips and paraffin, mix well and dip balls into mixture. Place on waxed paper. Makes 6 dozen.

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine

- Filling:
- 1 cup chopped dates
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup margarine
  - 1 egg, well beaten
  - 2 cups Rice Krispies
  - 1 cup chopped nuts
  - 1 tsp. vanilla

- Frosting:
- 2 cups powdered sugar
  - 2-3 tps. milk
  - 1/2 tsp. vanilla
  - 3 oz. cream cheese, softened

For crust: Mix all crust ingredients until crumbly. Press into ungreased 9-by-9-inch pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

For filling: Combine dates, sugar and margarine and cook over medium heat until boiling, stirring constantly. Simmer 3 minutes. Slowly blend hot mixture into beaten egg and return mixture to saucepan. Cook until mixture bubbles, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rest of ingredients. Spread over crust and cool completely.

For frosting: Combine all ingredients, beat until smooth. Spread over filling. Refrigerate. Makes two dozen bars.

As UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney always claims — quickness counts. The Devaney's enjoy making a quick and easy cranberry salad during the holidays.

**Bob Devaney's Cranberry Salad**

- 2 pkgs. lemon Jell-O
- 1 lb. cranberries
- 2 oranges
- 1 large apple
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1 1/2 cups sugar

Put cranberries and oranges through food processor. Add sugar, let stand overnight. Make Jell-O as indicated on package and cool. Add diced apple, celery, cranberries and oranges. Refrigerate until firm.

One of NU President Ronald Roskens' Christmas favorites is Crispy Date Bars.

**Ronald Roskens' Crispy Date Bars**

- Crust:
- 1 cup flour

Mom Keating's Old-Fashioned Brownies are ASUN President Gerard Keating's holiday favorite. They're called "Mom Keating's" brownies because she's the only one who will eat them. (Just kidding, Gerard says they're great!)

**Mom Keating's Old-Fashioned Brownies**

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 Tbsp. cocoa
- 1 cup margarine
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Beat eggs well, add sugar and baking powder. Melt butter and cocoa together and add to other ingredients. Add flour and vanilla, stir well. Put mixture in 11-by-16-inch pan. Bake for 30 minutes at 325 degrees.

Former Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis' family just can't get enough of Helen's Fruitnut Cake. When you're thinking about running for governor, you need all the energy you can get.

**Helen's Fruitnut Cake**

- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. cocoa
- 1/2 tsp. (or less) each of cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and allspice
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups unsweetened applesauce
- 2 eggs, unbeaten
- 3/4 cup dates, chopped
- 3/4 cup raisins, chopped
- 3/4 cup nuts, chopped

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