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ROUNDUP 2000 UPDATE

Special points of interest:

- Get ready for Roundup
- Board Elections are coming.
- Improving the Ranch
- Another good recipe
- Ranchers write home



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Yee-Haw. Here I am again. One more time. In fact, I'm here in Yellowstone National Park. We are getting frost or ice most mornings. This started in the middle of August. We will be leaving here September 19th. After visiting friends and family for a couple of weeks, we plan to be in New Mexico in time for the Chili Chapter Rally then on to the Ranch for Roundup.

We have heard from lots of folks offering their help but there is always room for more. It is not too late to send in your card or e-mail either Lynell or myself. We know that not everyone will be able to be there but we welcome all who can. Now that the time is closer it might be easier to make plans. Some of the events we still need a chairman for are:

1. The Friday Night Meal
2. Hitch up breakfast
3. Tour Guide
4. Campfire coordinator

I can hardly wait. I am so excited about all the activities and everything seems to be falling into place. I have found me some western duds, boots even. I have been practicing my boos and hisses for the Melodrama and I am saving my dollars to buy chances on the raffle items. I have been hearing of some neat items that are being made and donated. Maybe I will win something this time. Don't forget to plan on taking advantage of the health fair. I have been eating tofu and drinking soymilk all summer so I am anxious to have my cholesterol checked.

If anyone has access and space, we sure could use some firewood for our campfire. Our storyteller needs the proper surroundings to spin his yarns. I know that I haven't mentioned every event but I am hoping you will all come to see for yourself. See you all soon.

Nettie Haase {co- chairman}

From The President's Corner

Well, fall is almost upon us. By the time you read this, Labor Day will have come and gone--and the RV parks will no longer be occupied by screaming kids! All in all, Beth and I have had a good summer. We've visited family in Michigan, roamed the Upper Peninsula and have really enjoyed ourselves. In addition, we really had a great time at my "umpteenth year" high school reunion.

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Also, you should have received information about our fall business meeting. This included a ballot to select four new board members. The fall business meeting is to be held November 8th and I urge each of you to attend. However, if you find that you are unable to attend, do send in your ballot and proxy.

We have great news and not so great news. Roger and Liz, our able park managers, have agreed to stay on for another 6 months. Unfortunately, our assistant managers will be moving on. We wish them God's speed.

Beth and I look forward to returning to the Ranch and seeing each and every one of you at both the Roundup and the business meeting.

Safe Travels,

Dave Norton

A Word from the Editor

By Lynell Arnott

It's September! Soon many of us will be rolling into the Ranch and we'll get to get our fill of SKP hugs. Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for sending in letters and articles to the Palaver over the summer months. Doing the Palaver has been great fun because I have gotten to stay in touch with so many of you. This issue contains notes and letters from many Ranch Hands and I

hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

When we return to The Ranch we will be meeting many new leaseholders and visitors, and of course we will do it in our wonderful friendly way. Almost every SKP we have met on the road over these months, when we say we're from The Ranch, responds with, "That's the friendliest park in the system!" Music to our ears! It will be fun to be back in the fold again. Until then...Happy Trails.



Beautification Committee Report

While at the Ranch this summer, I decided to conduct an information gathering exercise to see what sort of landscaping info was available from our local government agencies. Heading to Carlsbad, my first stop was at the Eddy County Extension Service. The personnel were very helpful, but literature was limited.

The next stop was the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office to see what was available. Permits can be obtained here for gathering plants and rocks on BLM land. A rock-gathering permit costs \$15 and is good for a specified length of time. A map is furnished that indicates the area where plants and rocks may be gathered.

I also was informed that 150 pounds of "flat" rocks per person per year can be gathered free of charge. So, armed with a map, Barb & I proceeded to the area delineated on the map. The route took us on the road to Queens (CR137). Approximately halfway to Queens is a fork in the road; the left side leads to Queens and the right side leads to the Marathon Gas Plant. We took the right and started

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searching for landmarks to orient ourselves with the map to determine the area for gathering. (We discovered it's very difficult to determine if we were gathering plants and rocks on BLM land or on private property.) (Barb and I also disagreed on the weight of the rocks.)

Anyway, can't wait till this fall when the committee gets together to finalize plans and get to work.

Lou Novy, Beautification Committee Chairman



Book Club is For Real!

By Pat Armstrong

The Ranch Book Club is open to anyone who wants to read our selections and join us. Our goal is to combine reading and eating (two favorite SKP pastimes). A major challenge will be to remember what we've read, so take brief notes! What was it you liked about your favorite character? You might list a few major characters and a few events to jog our memories. Was there a sentence or certain paragraph that stood out above the rest? Write it down

or mark it. Was there something about the book that spoke to you personally? Write it down. If we forget what we read, oh well, we'll still have a fun time and good food.

A tentative schedule:

- Nov.—*Memoirs of a Geisha* ;
- Dec.—*Harry Potter* 1,2 or 3; (so grandparents know what the kids are reading) ;
- Jan.—*Daughter of Fortune*;
- Feb.—*East of the Mountains and Tuesdays with Morrie* .

**BOOM! BOOM!
BOOM!**

That's what you'll hear when a storm approaches the Ranch. The first time you hear this weird thunder you wonder if there's a fireworks display or Indians on the warpath. Actually these repetitive booms emanate from sonic cannons operated by the pecan orchard owner. The theory is that sound waves directed into the clouds will prevent hail from

forming, thereby preventing damage to the pecan trees.

According to the Eddy County Agent, results have shown that it really works! After the sonic cannons were put into operation, the incidence of hail practically drops to zero and what hail does fall is of the "soft" variety causing little damage. In fact, the results have been so positive that additional sonic cannons have been ordered at a cost of

\$100,000 each.

So, now before you get upset about the noise, remind yourself that it keeps hail from falling on our property at the Ranch, therefore maybe we can tolerate the noise for awhile, and even pretend it's a fireworks display!

(I wonder if it also keeps tornadoes away???)

Lou Novy, BC Chairman

Some Great Places to EAT and Camp

from Ede Trockels

Since so many Ranch folks travel I 25, thought we would share two restaurant finds. We were camped at Villeneuve SP, exit 323. At the same exit in Ribera is the SAD CAFÉ. The new owner chef comes via NYC for the last 15 years. Excellent; open for breakfast & lunch and dinner on Fridays. Home baked goods too. At the Glorietta, exit #299, one finds RENATE'S, specializing in German dishes

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cooked to order. Wonderful!!! Neither place can accommodate Rigs but the Pecos River Campground is at exit 319 and offers \$9.95 full hookup camping. While in the area check out the Pecos National Monument.

A great place to stay in the Mt. Rushmore area is Spokane Camping Resort, Keystone, SD. Great people, and Passport America, Coast to Coast, and Escapees friendly. Rural setting convenient to Mt. Rushmore and Custer State Park.

Fighting the Battle of the Bulge

By Nettie Haase

This is my favorite time of the year to fight the battle. Fruits and vegetables are at their peak of freshness and are in abundance. It is really hard to feel deprived when you are eating your way around a golden ear of sweet corn, or eating a peach freshly picked from the tree. And how about tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, both red and green, beets, squash, egg plant, onions, cantaloupe, zucchini, and soooo many other items of fresh produce.

When you make a salad of all the different colors and flavors, little more is needed to make a meal. As long as you are a bit careful as to what you use for dressing or topping, it is really hard to overeat. This is one time you do not have to be too concerned about portion control.

If you are puzzled as to how to prepare different fruits and vegetables, or maybe you would just like to try something different, look no farther than your nearest newsstand, At this time of the season all the popular magazines are full of recipes and ideas on ways to prepare the bountiful har-

vest. Many are low calorie and low fat. Some have menu calendars for a month at a time. When we plan our menus in advance it is easier to have the fresh foods on hand when we need them so that we are less tempted to prepare the higher fat, higher calorie foods.

Fresh produce has all the protein, carbohydrates, calcium, vitamins, and minerals that our body requires, as well as the sweetness that our sweet tooth thinks it needs. Happy harvest and happy indulging.

Letters from the Ranch Hands

News from the Patzers

Chuck Patzer called a few days ago asking that the Palaver include an acknowledgement to all of the Ranch SKP's for the cards and visits to Gladly while she has been ill this summer. She isn't able to respond to you all, but appreciates very much your concerns and well wishes.

Gladly has concluded her second round of chemotherapy for leukemia and has one more to go – a week of treatment followed by an additional three weeks in complete isolation in the hospital. Chuck reports that the neighbors are taking good care of

him; he rarely eats at home. They would love to be back at the Ranch later this winter but of course it is too soon to be able to know what travel they will be able to do.

Cards may be sent to Gladly at: Box 7, Woking, Alberta TOH 3VD. We send our very best to Gladly and Chuck. We look forward to seeing you as soon as you can get here!



News Reaches us about Some "Old-Timers"

Do some of you remember Fred and Ruth Hyde? Martha McIlvain recently sent the Palaver an article about them. Fred and Ruth were prime workers in establishing the Carlsbad affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. Recently they have moved to Kansas to be near their children. We join with the Habitat for Humanity of Carlsbad in wishing the Hyde's the very best in their new home.

Hi:

Hope you have had a great summer.

We have been traveling since June 8. From the Ranch, we went to Lenny and Bev Ratzlaff's for three weeks. We had a wonderful time--they are great hosts. From there, to New England to visit relatives and on to Nova Scotia. Met up with Millers and Sharps and are touring with them. Having a good time seeing the country with them.

Will see you all at the Ranch this fall.

Hugs, Rusty & Mary

Hi Friends:

Our summer was busy, saying goodbye to our son for a year was very hard. We had little kids for a month, they have more energy than Jim and me.

Thank you to Ray and Shirley

Bellon for taking such good care of the Ranch this summer when everyone as gone— happy hour for sometimes four people, even when Ray was having trouble with his legs; greeting new guests. Great job! True ranch hands.

The Bryants. Jim, Gloria and Gypsy

Hello Everybody!

Boy! it's a good thing we Escapees are good hunters & shoppers! Do you believe these GAS PRICES? "WOW!" We are now in CA and Northern CA/Central OR gas is from \$1.93 - \$2.39. We finally found some for \$1.67 in Vacaville, CA. We got it for \$1.49 in Vancouver, WA. Look's like a little longer stay in most places at these prices!

Thanks to ROD (Resorts of Distinction) for their promotional -- this year 7 days free, at their parks. We are taking advantage, and happy we belong! They are also so helpful and work with you all the time! Just Nice People! GOD Bless You ALL!

We have seen so many Escapee friends! We've lately seen Bob & Audrey Nelson, in Klamath Falls, OR. They really like their new home, and their daughter Dawn & husband Ron & family (and little dog, "Mackenise" that is so cute!) live just up the hill from them. Mackenise comes to visit all the time. We all went to Church Sunday then Bob & Audrey & Chuck & I went to lunch. They made us

a lovely dinner on the BBQ the first night, too. It was so nice, we ate outside. We could see Mt. Shasta from their yard, real pretty, still had a little snow on top.

Then we stopped and saw Bob & Bessie Lider. Actually they were at a Chapter 24 Rally and we stayed for one night! Who was there also? Cliff & Margaret Dulcich. What a bonus! We got to see their new Auto Mate rig and is it ever nice! Had great visit with them.

I am really getting excited about my Son's wedding in Las Vegas next month! I am almost finished with the flowers! We will stop at North Ranch to visit Ray & Wanda Schneider on way back to The Original Ranch!

HUGS. Hope all is well with all. GOD BLESS Ya ALL! SAFE & HAPPY TRAVELS,
LILLIAN & CHUCK Cowles
SKP32124

Hi Everybody!

Just a few words to let you know all is well here. It's been a very busy, good summer. Just spent 3 weeks in ND up in the Mountains, on the Canadian border, on Lake Sakakawea, swimming, fishing and, of course, eating. Stopped in Medora, ND with its open-air theater. Stayed in Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park and toured the Badlands. Interesting, wonderful! Right now I'm at a campout with the Singles from Cheyenne. Beautiful spot at 8500

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feet overlooking the lake in Curt Gowdy St. Park. What are we doing? Eating, teasing, laughing and eating some more. Sound familiar?! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ranch sometimes in Sept. Hugs and safe travels, Helen

Dear Friends:

We have had a nice time since leaving The Ranch in May. We took our time driving to Calif. stopping at Lake Mojave, on the Colorado River for a few days. We used to spend time there each summer during my working years, as we owned a boat then. After that we stopped near Las Vegas. We have friends who have retired there. Enjoyed a nice visit with them. We then had to head for Los Angeles, where Bev needed to have some dental work done.

Spent Memorial Weekend at Twin Lakes on the eastern side of the Sierra's, just east of Yosemite NP. This has always been one of our favorite places. Situated at about 7000 feet elevation and surrounded by beautiful mountains we had a great campsite in a National Forest Campground. After that it was back to Los Angeles to finish some dental work.

At this point we decided to head back to The Ranch. We had closed out our storage unit near Los Angeles and wanted to leave the things there rather than carry them around. As Bev says in her letter, we wanted to visit our son and his family and thought that it

would be a good opportunity to take some things we had promised him from storage. It was a rather hurried up trip but we enjoyed seeing everybody.

After arriving back at The Ranch we had to leave almost immediately for San Diego and Bev's planned surgery. Our route took us thru Deming (Dreamcatcher), then a quick stop at Saguaro, and on to Yuma where we spent the 4th of July weekend. Boy, was it HOT. We stayed at a Coast to Coast in Yuma, and fortunately the AC kept us somewhat cool. In spite of the heat we had an enjoyable trip.

We have been staying in Santee, CA. at Santee Lakes Campground, where Dave and Pat Armstrong are hosts. Our campsite is located across the street from them and that has made our stay here very nice. We both enjoy San Diego and have visited with old friends in the area, plus Bev's brother and his family who live about an hour's drive from here. It also turns out that our minister from our old church in Agoura, Ca. has been transferred near here so we have been attending services at his new church. I have been sailing once, something I have missed and have gone on one fishing trip with Dave.

We plan to leave Santee for a few weeks, as Bev's second surgery will not take place until early Oct. Will drive up to Yosemite and visit friends in the area plus we know many of the Rangers in Yo-

semita from our years of hosting there. Will spend a couple of weeks in the area and then start back for Santee. Hope to be able to start for The Ranch in early Nov., but will probably not arrive there until Dec., as we will spend some time in Yuma.

See you soon, Bill Heeter

Hello:

Well, summer is hurrying by. (It doesn't seem possible) Our oldest Granddaughter will be turning five. Thank the Lord I am still around to see my Mally and our middle granddaughter, Laina who turned 3 in June. Then the capper, his name is Greydon William David, he turned one in May, and he is the frosting on our cake.

As you may know, we left the Ranch in June, headed for Indiana and the Grandchildren. Our son wanted to see us before the surgery (DBS) and we didn't want him to miss work. We had a pleasant visit and headed back to San Diego for the surgery, then for my neurosurgeon to return from Europe, then for the 2 Drs. to coordinate their days. I finally got the call to come in and arrived at the hospital at 5:30 on July 24. At 6:30 I was taken in and given an MRI. (I kept going to sleep).

I wasn't heavily sedated for the surgery, but these things really work on me. The thing that struck me was this; they were all walking calmly around, "Hello Fred, how was the show last

night?" "Oh, pretty good -----" I don't know when they fastened my head down, but all of a sudden I felt this tremendous vibration, (but no pain) and then I think someone screwing my head down. Then I heard the surgeon say, "Bev, don't put your hands up" Then, "BEV, don't put your hands up!" Then, BEV DON'T PUT YOUR HANDS UP! The next thing I knew I had my hands tied down. It seemed that my hands had a life of their own.

The next thing I know, I was in a room and Bill and my brother were looking at me. I really don't remember any pain. I was bald as a billiard ball and had staples all over, two incisions on my head, one behind my ear, and one on my chest. Now I have to do it one more time. I believe they're trying for early October. I pray that this one goes as well as the last one. Do you know I was visiting Pat and David Armstrong the day after the surgery? Bill has been doing our correspondence and has done a great job. I don't know what I would do without any of them.

I want to thank everyone who sent me well wishes and prayers for my recovery. They really do help! And if you didn't hear back from us, we each probably thought the other did it. Please forgive us!

See you at the Ranch, Bev Heeter



Greetings from Nathrop, CO.

We've had a good summer, and have seen numerous SKP's. As mentioned in the last Palaver, we were at the "RATZ NEST" in SD in June. We've been out several times since then, but have had time to entertain several Ranch and other SKP's.

Barb & Lou Novy spent a month in our park, and liked it so much, came back for a second stay. Hard to beat these mountains, and this climate. Hank & Evie Usrey came over from Gunnison one day, and with them, brought mutual friends and Skips, Bob & Clarice Mangum. Bill & Donna Walker are working eight miles from us at the KOA, so have had the pleasure to get to know them better. Don and Mary Hovis came by after attending the SKP lunch, we have twice a month. One lunch we missed, so glad they came by. A pleasant surprise. In our park there are several Skips that spend the summer here, from Yuma, Casa Grande and Benson. Just behind our lot, Belle & Jim Blair, formally from the Ranch, have a lot. They get up from Denver every 2-3 weeks.

Hope this finds you all enjoying your summer. The Welcome Mat is always out. Always have lots you can park on, come see us.

Not sure when we'll get back to NM, depends on the weather. Sometime after Nov. 1, most likely.

Hugs, Milo & Bettie Marquardt

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Hi Folks,

We went to Yaak, Mt. to a Chapter 28 (Big Sky) Rally at the Dirty Shame Saloon. Had a good time. We then went to Spokane and visited the Plummers and picked up the supplies for Fun Days. Then through beautiful rugged country to Kamloops, B.C.. We represented the Chili Chapter on The Row. As the Patzers couldn't attend, we also represented The Ranch. We had a lot of questions about The Ranch and met lots of people who plan to visit. Darrell was telling one man how great The Ranch is and the man said he knew, he helped build it. It was Joe Peterson. There were plenty of things to see and do there. The Chili Chapter gave away a New Mexico T-shirt. Norm Partch, our former Asst. Manager won it. We went from there to Helena, Mt. and visited our daughter and family. The fires were horrible! The fire came within 7 miles of their home. We saw Helen Farnsworth in Casper earlier this summer and had a nice visit with her. See you soon,
Darrell and Pat Mauck, 44412, Lot 68

Hi!

I arrived here at Helen Farnsworth's this morning. Have been to Bev and Lenny's and Bob and Cass were there. Had a grand time for three days.

Have been away from the Ranch to Mich. And now on my way back to the Ranch via the four

kids in CO. Will be at the Ranch about the 20th of Sept. If I hadn't had this e-mail I wouldn't have had as much fun as I have had this summer. What a great thing it is.

See you when you get to the Ranch.

Mickey _____

From the Simond-Amari's

This may be difficult for all of you who are fighting the heat out west to believe, but autumn has already reached New England! The days are shorter and much cooler, the first red and orange leaves have appeared on the maple trees, and it actually snowed on Jay Peak, just north of us, yesterday. We have had a wonderful summer getting to know our grandchildren again, and working on our daughter Nancy's beautiful flower gardens and lawn. Our summer began with many soccer practices and games, and is ending with the wonderful news that our older granddaughter, now a freshman in high school, has actually made the varsity soccer team! Needless to say, she is thrilled beyond words and so are we.

We are now eagerly looking forward to the birth of our next grandchild, Tyler. After a stillborn baby and a late miscarriage, Wendy has finally managed to carry almost to full term. She is close enough now that we were able to give her a baby shower yesterday. We are very thankful

for this wonderful gift.

Our trip to Vermont took us through the Cajun country of Louisiana, where we spent a week experiencing the warmth and hospitality of the French people. The food and music were wonderful; we met and enjoyed the company of many local people who invited us back for the "Real Mardi-Gras!" We just may take them up on that! Deb needs to brush up on her two-step that she learned at one of the music festivals there. The Cajuns live for the weekends - there are dances and music broadcasts or festivals every weekend. We simply moved from one event to another, and often met the same people. The spirit of the dancing is something out of the past. It is truly a family event; we watched teenagers dancing with senior citizens, and husbands and wives doing quick, intricate steps that they matched with total precision. It is almost as if dancing is their national sport! We were totally caught up in the action and can't wait to go back.

We are eager to return to The Ranch to catch up with everyone there. If all goes well with Tyler, we plan to be there for Roundup.

Hugs from
_____ Tony and Debra.

Greetings from Spokane, Washington.

We are visiting our daughter, grand daughter and great

grandchildren. On weekends other children and grandchildren drop in for visits. We are having a great summer. We went to Canyon de Chelly in Ariz. after leaving the Ranch. Then to Utah for Canyonland exploring.

We were stranded in Glen Canyon area for three days when the levelor jacks blew a fuse and we couldn't find the reset button. We were ten miles from the phone and when we got through to the man who had installed the jacks, he couldn't remember where he'd put it. For sure it was not where it was supposed to be. While Thayer was checking out each wire, Bear and I were out hiking, finding rocks and a cactus that followed us back to the RV. Finally Charlene, the mechanic illerate, peaked under the hood of the motorhome and asked, "What is that button by the battery?" We were on the way once again.

Went to Oregon Thousand Trails camp in Bend for a couple weeks. Got some super new linedances to share at the Ranch. Spent four days freezing on the Oregon Coast. Bear loved the beach. We will be leaving the northwest after Labor Day, heading south. Expect to be at the Ranch in middle October.

Love and hugs,
_____ Thayer, Charlene and _____
Bear

Hi There,

The Walkers have enjoyed a cool summer at Buena Vista, Co. We have been working at the KOA there and have enjoyed visiting

with fellow Ranch SKPS, Barb & Lou Novy and Milo & Betty Marquardt. Also went to a couple of SKP lunches with the Rocky Mountain Hi Chapter.

We will be popping into the Ranch for a brief stay after Labor Day and then on to "home" Houston, for physicals, visiting, etc. We plan to work at Tropic Island RV in Pt. Aransas, TX this winter and would love for anyone to visit us.

Hugs,
Bill & Donna Walker

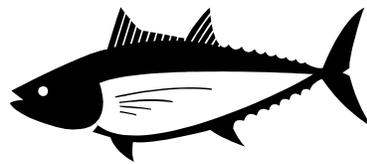
Greetings from San Diego,

Dave's Dad passed away on Aug. 9th. Some vivid images have made lasting memories. Dave and his six brothers in dark suits escorting the flag-draped coffin, the Armstrong family filling the entire first four pews in the church, courageous family and friends sharing warm and hu-

morous eulogies, and the 21 gun salute ending with Taps are some that will stay with us forever. His Dad left quite a legacy.

Our youngest daughter, Michelle, and her family were able to fly in and join us. After, the emotional drain made us feel like we had been pulled through a knothole. But above all we were very relieved his Dad was finally at peace after a six year struggle with poor health.

Dave has fulfilled many of his dreams with his almost weekly



fishing trips. I enjoy the quiet time while he is gone and having such a happy husband and lots of fish when he returns. He positively beams when he comes in the door!

Hosting has added more experiences to our life than we

ever wanted. - a gal trying to commit suicide by drinking Drano, two dogs poisoned, a search for a missing three-year-old (she was found), challenging teenagers and social misfits that challenge all rules. We are REALLY looking forward to getting back to the Ranch and the nice people there. See you in Oct.!

Hugs,

Pat and Dave Armstrong



TROCKELS TIPS

by Ede Trockels

Laundry.

- * Soiled collars - use a small paint brush and brush hair shampoo into soiled shirt collars before laundering. Shampoo is made to dissolve body oils.
- * Button all buttons on clothing and turn inside out before putting into the washer. Fewer buttons will fall off and garments will fade less if turned inside out.

For those unfortunate times one gets cactus spines stuck in the skin - coat the affected area with Elmer's glue, allow to dry, then peel off the dry glue and spines!

Want the flavor of Jalapeno peppers but not the heat! Wearing gloves, cut peppers in half lengthwise and remove the seeds and white membrane. Parboil by dropping into boiling water for 3 min. Transfer to cold water, drain and use as desired - great for Jalapeno poppers!

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In The Kitchen with Mary

By Mary Irons, Food Editor

Mexican Fruit Cake

Submitted by Gene Sharp

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 tsp baking soda
2 eggs
1 – 20 oz can crushed pineapple, with juice
1-cup pecans
1 can coconut (if desired)
Bake at 350 degrees for 35-45 minutes.

Frosting:
1 pkg Philadelphia cream cheese
1 box powdered sugar
¼ lb margarine
1-cup nuts (if desired)
touch of vanilla
milk as needed
Mix cream cheese and softened margarine
Add powdered sugar and vanilla, mix, and add milk
as needed