

RECIPE CORNER

FIESTA MEATLOAF

-Comrade Vi Graham

Prep: 10 minutes

Ready In: 1 hour 20 minutes

Serves: 8

- 2 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 pkt.. (120g) Stove Top Stuffing Mix for chicken
- 1 cup water
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 cup salsa, divided
- 3/4 cup Kraft Tex Mex Shredded Cheese

PREHEAT oven to 375°F. Mix all ingredients except 1/4 cup of the salsa and the cheese.

SHAPE into oval loaf in 13x9-inch baking dish; top with the remaining 1/4 cup salsa.

BAKE 1 hour or until meatloaf is cooked through (160°F). Sprinkle evenly with the cheese; continue baking 5 min. or until cheese is melted. Let stand 5 min. before cutting into eight slices to serve.

MOM'S DUMP CAKE

- Comrade Geoff Brown

This has got to be the easiest cake to make ever! Let the kids or grandkids help with it! It's called "Dump Cake" because all you do is 'dump' in the ingredients! That simple! It is also so delicious that you'll have the crowd coming back for more. My family has been making this cake for years. I like to use a little bit more butter and coconut than what the recipe calls for when pouring over the cake mix. It makes quite a bit and is good for a small crowd. – Geoff Brown

- 1 can pie filling, such as cherry, apple, etc.
- 1 white/yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine

- 1 can crushed pineapple, with juice
- 1/2 cup coconut

Dump the pie filling evenly into a 9X13 pan, either glass or metal

Dump the pineapple with juice evenly over the pie filling and mix with the pie filling

Dump the cake mix evenly over the pie filling and pineapple (BUT DON'T MIX – JUST HAVE IT ON TOP)

Sprinkle the coconut evenly over the top

Then pour the melted butter over the whole cake

Bake for about 1 hour UNCOVERED in a pre-heated oven at 350°F. Check around the 50-minute time to see it isn't too brown on the top.

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A LITTLE MORE HISTORY.....

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of St. Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

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Comrades,

If Chief Bar Steward, Comrade Bill Weido, had been well enough to submit a report, I'm sure he would have asked everyone to keep bringing in those pop tabs.

The TABS for CHAIRS programme, operated out of Elora Branch, is approaching the 800 wheelchair mark.

Your tabs could be the ones to put the fund over the top.

If Assistant Chief Steward, Gerry Devost, had had the time to submit a report, it would have included this important request --

Would the last person to come in from the patio at any given time, please ensure the heaters are set to PILOT?

Those heaters are handy, but they sure can eat up the propane so we shouldn't leave them on if no one is outside.