

Something new: impossible cheeseburger pie

BY JOAN KINGSBURY

Despite the fact that all good cooks have their favorite recipes, once in a while trying a new recipe is a treat. This week, Mary Ann Thompson offers Post readers three unusual, tempting recipes to try: Impossible Cheeseburger Pie, Broccoli and Cauliflower Bake and Pecan Crunch Cookies.

Impossible Cheeseburger Pie is a nice, hot meal, perfect for a brisk fall evening. The preparation of this recipe is unique since the crust is not rolled out. Eggs, milk and Bisquick baking mix

are combined, then poured over a mixture of hamburger and chopped onion. After baking for 25 minutes, (the crust forms as the pie bakes), Impossible Cheeseburger Pie is topped with sliced tomatoes, then sprinkled with shredded cheese before returning to the oven for a few more minutes. Allow Impossible Cheeseburger Pie to cool and set for about 5 minutes before serving.

Mary Ann's Broccoli and Cauliflower Bake is an unusual combination of vegetables, cheese and filo dough. Cooked

broccoli and cauliflower are nestled between filo leaves. Swiss cheese, parmesan cheese, oregano and sliced tomatoes add to the flavor of this fantastic vegetable dish.

Mary Ann's Pecan Crunch Cookies have a special ingredient, potato chips. Crushed potato chips and chopped pecans or walnuts are incorporated into the cookie dough before baking, giving the cookies a nice, crunchy texture.

Cooking is an activity Mary Ann enjoys when she has time to prepare her favorite recipes. Cooking is definitely a main part of Mary Ann's day since she is employed in the cafeteria at Gate of Heaven School.

Mary Ann, her husband, Don, and their three children are residents of Fieldcrest. The couple are both Back Mountain natives, Mary Ann is originally from the Applewood Manor area while Don lived in Noxen. Kelly, the Thompson's oldest child, is in eighth grade at Lake-Lehman and a

member of the girl's hockey team. Donnie, a fifth grader at Gate of Heaven School, is a sports lover, being both a basketball and baseball team member. Donnie is also a Cub Scout. Denise, a fourth grader at Gate of Heaven School is a Junior Girl Scout and also a mini-football cheerleader.

Both Mary Ann and Don are active in Scouting; Mary Ann is serving as assistant Girl Scout leader this year while Don is Cub Master of the Gate of Heaven group. The Thompsons are members of Gate of Heaven Church.

In leisure time Mary Ann enjoys crocheting, doing crewel and embroidery. Her newest project is the construction of a braided rug. Don, a truck driver for Acme warehouse, restores cars in his spare time.

Camping is the Thompson's favorite family activity. They recently returned from an eight-day trip to the Cape Cod area where they visited such interesting tourist attractions as Plymouth Rock, the May-

flower and the pilgrim homes. The highlight of their visit to Mystic, Conn. was the Maritime Museum. A stop overnight in New York's Hudson Valley provided the perfect ending to a marvelous vacation.

IMPOSSIBLE CHEESEBURGER PIE

1 lb. gr. beef
1 1/2 c. chopped onion
1/2 t. salt
1/4 t. pepper
1 1/2 c. milk
3/4 c. Bisquick baking mix
3 eggs
2 tomatoes, sliced
1 c. shredded cheddar or American cheese

Grease a 10x1 1/2 inch pie plate. Brown beef and onions; drain off grease. Mix in salt and pepper. Spread in pie plate. Beat milk, bisquick and eggs until smooth. Pour over the hamburger mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove from oven, top with tomatoes, sprinkle with cheese. Return to oven, bake until a knife inserted into the pie comes out clean, about 6 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before serving.

BROCCOLI AND CAULIFLOWER BAKE
2-10 oz. pkg. frozen broccoli
2-10 oz. pkg. frozen cauliflower
1 onion
12 filo leaves
1 c. shredded Swiss cheese
1/2 c. parmesan cheese
1 t. oregano
1/2 t. salt

Partially cook broccoli and cauliflower; set aside. Saute onion in butter. Place 6 filo leaves in greased pan, 9x13 inches. Brush each filo leaf with butter. Arrange all pre-cooked vegetables atop filo leaves. Sprinkle with onion, shredded Swiss cheese, parmesan cheese, oregano and salt. Cover with tomato slices. Top with remaining filo leaves, brushing each with melted butter. Bake at 325 degrees about 1

hour or until brown. (Be sure to bake uncovered.)
PECAN CRUNCH COOKIES
1 c. butter
1/2 c. sugar
1 t. vanilla
1/2 c. crushed potato chips

1/2 c. chopped pecans or walnuts
2 c. sifted flour
Cream butter, sugar and vanilla. Add crushed potato chips and nuts. Stir in flour. Form into small balls using about 1

tablespoon of dough for each. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press balls flat with bottom of glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 16-17 minutes. Makes 3 1/2 dozen.

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Mr. Szelas is retired from Friedman's Express as a tractor trailer driver.

They have three children, Stanley, Alpha, N.J.; Edwold, RD 3, Wyoming, and Ronald, Anchorage, Alaska. They also have four grandchildren.



Mary Ann Thompson



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