


THE JOURNAL'S FAVORITE CONTEST RECIPE

"Caramel apple lush dessert"
By Camdyn Evans (13)

Crust: 2 cups graham cracker crumbs; 1/2 cup of finely chopped peanuts; 1/2 cup butter, melted

Layer 1: 8 oz. cream cheese, softened; 1 1/2 cup whipped topping; 1 cup powdered sugar

Layer 2: 2 small boxes cheesecake flavored pudding; 2 1/2 cup milk; 1/2 cup whipped topping

Layer 3: 1 can apple pie filling; 1/4 cup caramel topping

Topping: Remaining whipped topping — Evans used 12 oz. container for the whole recipe; 1/3 cup chopped peanuts; caramel topping

Instructions:

1. In a medium mixing bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs, finely chopped peanuts and melted butter.

2. Press into a 9 x 13 inch baking pan; bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely.

3. In a separate mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, powdered sugar and 1 1/2 cup whipped topping.

4. Mix until smooth; spread evenly over cooled crust. Refrigerate while you are preparing the next layer.

5. Combine cheesecake pudding mix and milk. Whisk and let stand until pudding thickens. Stir in 1/2 cup whipped topping and mix until smooth.

6. Spread evenly over cream cheese layer in pan.

7. Top with 1 can apple pie filling and remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

8. Before serving, sprinkle with chopped peanuts and drizzle with caramel topping.



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More than two dozen people entered dishes in the annual South Carolina Apple Festival Baking Contest at the Westminster Depot on Thursday. The contest judges, from left, were Kay Moore, Paula Oliver, Journal news editor Riley Morningstar, Jean Carter and Journal reporter Andrea Kelley. Pictured are some of the highlights of the event. The Apple Festival will continue throughout the weekend in downtown Westminster.



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