



CHOCOLATE BUNDT CAKE

- 1 3/4 flour, leveled
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 3/4 cup hot water
- 2/3 cup cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup sour cream, room temperature
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Chocolate ganache
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Combine flour, sugar and soda in a bowl and set aside. Mix melted butter, hot water and cocoa powder in a separate bowl (do not overbeat); then combine with the flour mixture. Add sour cream, eggs and vanilla and mix until well blended. Spoon into a well-oiled bundt pan. Preheat oven to 350° and bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Check for doneness. Let cake cool. To make the chocolate ganache, pour heavy cream into a pot and bring to a light boil. Remove from heat, add the cocoa, sugar and vanilla. Beat until creamy and put in refrigerator for 1 hour. Drizzle over cooled cake. Recipe entry at the Morrison County Fair by Anita O'Dell.

EARTHQUAKE BARS

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 chocolate cake mix or brownie mix
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1 Tablespoon vinegar
- 1 1/4 cups milk chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Combine pecans and coconut in a bowl. Set aside. In a separate bowl, mix cake mix, flour, sugar, cocoa powder, baking soda, salt, water, oil and vinegar. Sprinkle pecans and coconut on bottom of greased 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix 3/4 cup of chocolate chips in cake batter and pour in pan. Beat together softened butter, cream cheese and powdered sugar in mixing bowl until well blended. Drop by spoonfuls over cake batter. Sprinkle with rest of chocolate chips. Bake for 40 minutes at 350°. The middle should be set, but toothpick will not come out clean, because these are fudgy. Kids' recipe entry at the Morrison County Fair by Ethan Perowitz.

PIZZA BARS

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups oatmeal
- 11.5 ounces chocolate chips
- 10 ounces M&Ms
- 12.25 ounces caramel sauce
- 2 ounces chocolate or white almond bark

Cream butter and sugar. Mix in flour, baking soda, salt and oatmeal. Press in 10-by-15-inch greased pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Spread caramel sauce on bars while warm, then sprinkle with chocolate chips and M&Ms. Drizzle with melted bark. Kids' recipe entry at the Morrison County Fair by Alex Heard.

ROCKY ROAD PIZZA BARS

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 cup small marshmallows
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup M&Ms

Turn oven on to 375°. In a large mixing bowl, beat butter with electric mixer on medium speed until soft, about 30 seconds. Add sugar and brown sugar and beat until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and beat well with mixer on low speed. Gradually beat in flour. Spread dough evenly in ungreased 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake in oven about 12 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with peanuts, marshmallows, chips and M&Ms. Put back in oven and bake 6 to 8 minutes or until marshmallows are golden. Cool in pan on cooling rack. Kids' recipe entry at the Morrison County Fair by Trent Heard.

SEVEN LAYER BARS

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 (6 oz.) bag milk chocolate chips
- 1 (6 oz.) package butterscotch chips
- 1 (15 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup nuts

Melt butter in 9-by-13-inch pan. Pour graham cracker crumbs over butter and press into pan. Add remaining ingredients in order given, ending with nuts on top. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes. Kids' recipe entry at the Morrison County Fair by Olivia Heard.

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Photos courtesy of Tony Wenzel

Wenzel photographs male and female monarchs

Tony Wenzel of Randall snapped these photos of monarch butterflies. At left is a male monarch. Wenzel said male monarchs have a small black scent gland in the center of their hind wings. At right, a female monarch. Wenzel noted that the female does not have the small black scent gland at the center of her hind wings like the male does. The monarch butterfly is an officially endangered species, meaning the species is likely to go extinct without significant intervention. Habitat loss, herbicide and pesticide use, logging at the winter site in Mexico and drought contribute to putting them as endangered. Wenzel noted that experts say to plant milk weeds and reduction in the use of pesticides helps the monarch. Monarch butterflies are renowned for their impressive migration of over 4,000 miles to Mexico for their wintering.

'Sexy Fat Man Car Wash' funds to go to good cause

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There is an extreme heat warning in effect for Cushing, Aug. 13.

It won't be the late summer sun causing temperatures to rise, however. It will be the participants in a fundraiser at 2 Tall Tavern — a "Sexy Fat Man Car Wash."

The event is scheduled for noon - 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, in the 2 Tall Tavern parking lot (31273 Azure Road, Cushing). Guests will have a chance to get their cars washed by the "sexy fat men" — volunteers from throughout the area. All proceeds from the event will go to OK Tire and Bait in Randall, which sustained heavy damage in the June flash flooding event.

2 Tall Tavern Owner John Brichacek said the idea for the event came about, at first, as a joke. He said a regular customer at the Tavern earned the nickname, "Sexy Fat Man."

"One day we were sitting there and he asked me, 'When are you going to have a sexy fat man car wash?'" Brichacek said. "We started laughing about that and all of the different things we could do with it."

About a month prior to the June 23 - 24 flood, Brichacek said the idea popped into his head, again. At the time, he thought if they were going to do it, it should be a fundraiser for a good cause.

A couple of days after the flood, it came to him in the middle of the night, he said, that the recovery effort at OK Tire and Bait would



Staff photo by Zach Hacker

2 Tall Tavern on Azure Road in Cushing will host a "Sexy Fat Man Car Wash," Saturday, Aug. 13. The event is a fundraiser for OK Tire and Bait in Randall, which sustained heavy damage in a June flood.

be perfect. "I said, 'Shoot, let's donate to OK Tire and Bait,'" Brichacek said. "(Owner) Troy (Martinson) is kind of a sexy fat man, himself. So, I talked to Troy to make sure he was alright with it, he didn't have a problem with it, so I said, 'Hell, let's roll with it.'"

Once he got the go-ahead from Martinson, he posted an announcement about the event on the 2 Tall Tavern Facebook page. It exploded. As of Tuesday, the post had 840 shares and 113 comments, according to Brichacek. It had reached more than 91,000 people, with 12,432 clicking on the post.

When the idea first came up, he said they thought it would be relatively small. They decided to go forward because, even if they only raised \$200, that was still \$200 for OK Tire and Bait. But, as word spread, he realized he might have a much

bigger event on his hands. "I don't have enough water to do all that," Brichacek said. "Even if only 5% of the people the post reached show up, that's still 3,000 cars."

As such, the Motley Fire Department, Randall Fire and Rescue and Scandia Valley Fire Department are

OK Tire and Bait. "I don't have a clue how big it's going to be," Brichacek said. "The reaction has been insane. It would be great if we could raise \$15,000 for them, but if we raise \$2,000, that's \$2,000 that will help them out."

Folks who don't have a car or don't need a wash can help out, as well. Anyone attending the Tavern during the event can donate, but there will also be a fenced off area with seating where people can pay \$5 to watch the "sexy fat men" in action. "We're calling that the 'Chubby Chasers Section,'" Brichacek said.

When the idea first came about, Brichacek said he "never would have thought" it would blow up in the way that it has. He said, as he looks at it now, he's "kind of struck" by all of it.

"I do a lot of business with Troy at OK Tire," he said. "He spends time up here, too; he comes into the Tavern quite a bit. It's just one of those things where we wanted to support someone who has always supported us."

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