

HOOSIER HOME COOKIN'

with Allison Meadows

This week, I wrap up my simply splendid strawberry recipes with a few more favorites. You'll love Roasted Strawberries, despite its unusual name. There are many versions of Spinach Strawberry

Salad, but this one is my favorite with its red onion and sesame seeds. And, finally, Pectin Free Strawberry Jam. It's delish!
Happy eating!

Roasted Strawberries
12 extra large fresh strawber-

ries
2 oz. bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 tsp. sugar
1 can whipping cream
cocoa powder
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Slice the tops off the berries, just below stem. Cut the tips off, about a quarter inch so the berries will sit upright. Next, use a small spoon or a melon baler to hollow out the berries, working from the tops to create a cavity. Stuff chocolate into each cavity and place upright in baking dish. Lightly sprinkle berries with sugar and roast until berries are soft and chocolate is melted, about 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven. To serve, place 3 berries on a dessert plate in a triangle. Spoon over some of the pan liquid and spray a small mound of whipped cream in the center of the berries and top each berry with a rosette of cream. Sift cocoa powder on top of the berries for garnish.

Spinach Strawberry Salad

Honey Dressing (recipe follows)
2 bunches fresh spinach leaves, washed, dried and chilled
1 C. thickly sliced fresh strawberries
1 T. sesame seeds, toasted
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
Remove stems and veins from spinach and tear into bite-sized pieces, placing in a large salad bowl. Pour honey dressing over spinach and toss lightly. Add berries, sesame seeds and onion. Toss again and serve.

Honey Dressing

2 T. balsamic vinegar
2 T. rice vinegar
1 T. plus 1 tsp. honey
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
salt and pepper to taste

In a small jar with a lid, combine all ingredients, cover securely and shake very well. Store, covered in the refrigerator. Serve at room temperature.

Pectin-Free Strawberry Jam

2 lbs. fresh strawberries, hulled
4 C. sugar
1/4 C. lemon juice

In a wide bowl, crush berries in batches until you have 4 C of mashed berries. In a heavy saucepan, mix the berries, sugar and lemon juice. Stir over low heat until the sugar is dissolved. Increase heat to high and bring mixture to a full rolling boil. Boil, stirring often until the mixture reaches 220 degrees and transfer to hot, sterile jars, leaving a quarter to half inch headspace. Seal. Process any unsealed jars in a water bath. If the jam is going to be eaten right away, don't bother with processing, just refrigerate. To test for jelling, place three plates in a freezer. After about 10 minutes of boiling, place a teaspoon of the liquid of the jam onto the cold plate. Return to freezer for a minute. Run your finger through the jam on the plate. If it doesn't try to run back together (if you can make a line through it with your finger) it's ready to be canned.

Crivello 50th anniversary



Carroll County residents Sherill and Joe Crivello will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.

Crivello and the former Sherill Harrold were married June 22, 1958, in Taylorville, Ill., where they both grew up.

They moved to their Lake Freeman home in 2002 upon his retirement after some 40 years in the computer industry – beginning with IBM in Lafayette and culminating as North American general manager of a French

owned data communications firm.

Mrs. Crivello taught high school mathematics and chemistry at the old Battleground High School until their first child was born.

They are the parents of three daughters, Karen Layton of St. Louis, Mo., Katy Osborne of Indianapolis, and Kelly Moody of Houston, Texas. They also have nine grandchildren.

A family celebration is planned later in the summer.

Ashby 40th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ashby celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 1 with a private celebration.

Ashby and the former Sharon Gardner were married June 1, 1968, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Camden.

He was a teacher for 35 years at Carroll High School and currently serves on the

Carroll County Council. She was a full-time and substitute teacher.

The couple has two children, Shawn Ashby (wife: Rusty) of Camden and Stephanie Olsen (husband: Henry) of Iowa. They have four grandchildren.

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EVERYDAY THRU AUGUST 25, 2008

Meetings

Delphi CWF

The CWF of the Delphi Christian Church met June 2. Ten members answered roll call by giving a family tradition.

The profits from yard and bake sales have enabled the group to purchase new tables and chairs for the fellowship hall.

Plans were made for having sandwiches and pie for Father's Day after church on June 22.

The CWF meetings will continue to be on Monday nights this year.

Mission money was given to Hanging Rock Christian Camp, Released Time Education, Hippo Valley, and Fame.

Fairy Hacker installed the officers: Winnie Beard, president; Fairy Hacker, vice president; Jackie Paris, secretary; Nancy Cripe, treasurer; Lee Nydegger, cheer; and Katie Cree, reporter.

Double Dozen EH

Double Dozen Extension Homemakers met June 3 at the home of Elizabeth Mylet with 11 members present.

President Lona Yeakley

opened the meeting with the Thought of the Month, flag salutes, and creed.

It was Friends Night, and seven guests were in attendance – Kim Forgey, Katherine Caldwell, Dorothy Fulton, Kathy Mylet, Karen Robeson, Myra Miller, and Linda Mylet.

Wilma Robeson led in singing the Song of the Month, "You're a Grand Old Flag," and in noting the June anniversaries of Betty Bell and Etta Byers, as well as Ms. Robeson.

Myra Miller entertained with a piano solo.

Correspondence revealed worthy causes seeking assistance, to which the group responded.

Leader lessons for the coming year were assigned, food stand workers confirmed, and plans for a cook-out in connection with the July meeting at the Yeakley home were finalized.

The lesson, "All about Chocolate," was presented by Susie Dyke and Lona Yeakley, and chocolate treats were passed around.

The next meeting will be July 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Kathy Mylet won the prize.

What's Happening Elsewhere

Congressman Joe Donnelly will announce the grand opening of a veterans services **MULTI-USE OUTREACH CENTER** in Logansport June 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Cass County Council on Aging, 115 S. Sixth St. in Logansport. The center will serve Carroll, White, Cass, Fulton, Pulaski, Howard and Miami counties. It is the first of its kind, combining the Veterans Benefits Administration, Vets Center and Veterans Health Administration in one location.

Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs will host the **22ND ANNUAL SENIOR GAMES** June 9 to 13 at Tecumseh Junior High School in Lafayette. Opening day festivities include breakfast, euchre, lunch and bingo. Limited parking is available at Tecumseh, additional parking will be at Jeff High School with a shuttle service. For information contact Anita Bowen at (765) 447-7683 or (800) 382-7556.

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