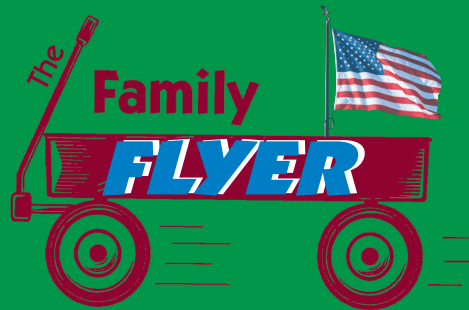


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**Old Fashioned Glazed Ham**

- 3/4 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, plus more for sprinkling
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1 (14-pound) cooked and smoked cured ham, shank end
- 3/4 cup pineapple juice
- 20 canned pineapple rings
- 1/2 cup maraschino cherries



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Put oven rack in the middle of the oven.  
In a small bowl, mix together the Dijon mustard, brown sugar, and thyme.  
Put the ham in a large roasting pan, fat side up. Rub the ham with mustard glaze. Pour the pineapple juice into the bottom of the pan. Put the ham in the oven and bake for 2 hours, brushing every 20 minutes with the pineapple juice. Remove the ham from the oven.  
Turn oven to 400 degrees F.  
Using toothpicks, decoratively adhere the pineapple rings around the ham and put a cherry in the center of the pineapple ring. Sprinkle the pineapple rings lightly with brown sugar. Return to the oven, uncovered, and bake until the pineapples turn a light golden brown. Remove from the oven to a serving platter and let rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

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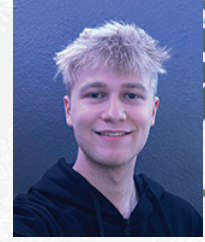
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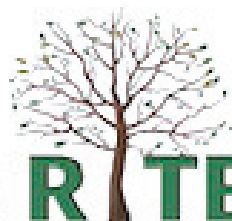
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To a cocktail shaker filled with ice, add your liquor choice, orange juice, ginger syrup, and cranberry juice.

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Jingle bells swing and  
jingle bells ring  
Snowing and blowing up  
bushels of fun  
Now the jingle hop has  
begun.

Jingle bell, jingle bell,  
jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells chime in  
jingle bell time  
Dancing and prancing in  
Jingle Bell Square  
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the  
right time  
To rock the night away  
Jingle bell time is a swell  
time  
To go gliding in a  
one-horse sleigh

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick  
up your feet  
Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jin-  
gling feet  
That's the jingle bell,  
That's the jingle bell,  
That's the jingle bell rock.

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### Bacon-Ranch Cheese Ball

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| 8 slices bacon                              | ranch dressing mix            |
| 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened | 1 teaspoon dried minced onion |
| 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese        | ½ teaspoon garlic powder      |
| 1 (1 ounce) package dry                     | ½ cup minced fresh chives     |
|   | crackers for serving          |

Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon slices on paper towels and allow to cool. Crumble bacon slices when cool enough to handle.

Mix together cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, Ranch dressing mix, dried minced onion, garlic powder, and 1/2 of the crumbled bacon in a bowl until well combined. Place the other half of crumbled bacon in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Form cheese mixture into a round ball (it's helpful to use plastic wrap while shaping it). Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Place remaining crumbled bacon on a plate and stir in minced chives. Remove plastic wrap from the cheese ball and roll it in the bacon and chive mixture, lightly pressing the topping to the cheese ball so it sticks.

Place the coated cheese ball on a serving dish and surround with crackers for dipping. *Enjoy, Merry Christmas!!*

### “What’s Goin’ On”

**December 9th - Santa's Wild Home**, Monday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Get an intimate look at the wildlife of northern Finland, the fabled home of Santa Claus & actual home of reindeer, great gray owls, wolverines, eagles, wolves, musk oxen, brown bears and more. Dyer-Schererville Branch Library, 1001 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), is offering the following programs for adults. Registration required for all programs: visit [www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm](http://www.lcpln.org/branches/ds.htm) or call 322-4731.

**December 10th - All Ability: Holiday Trees** - Ages 18 and Over  
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**December 14th - Harmony Handbells annual Christmas concert, Carol of the Bells**, will be held on Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Join us at Hillside Community Church, located at 5201 W. 109th Ave., in Crown Point for an enjoyable evening of live music featuring 4 different handbell choirs, a brass quintet from the Northwest Indiana Symphony Youth Orchestra, a local Christian group called God Alive, and the Great Lake Sound Chorus from Valparaiso. Enjoy the beauty of live Christmas music and fresh baked cookies with friends from around the area. There is no charge for the concert. All proceeds from a free-will offering will be given to the Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation.

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### Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow  
 In a one horse open sleigh  
 O'er the fields we go  
 Laughing all the way  
 Bells on bob tails ring  
 Making spirits bright  
 What fun it is to laugh  
 and sing  
 A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
 Jingle all the way  
 Oh, what fun it is to ride  
 In a one horse open sleigh  
 Jingle bells, jingle bells  
 Jingle all the way  
 Oh, what fun it is to ride  
 In a one horse open sleigh  
 A day or two ago  
 I thought I'd take a ride  
 And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
 Was seated by my side

The horse was lean and lank  
 Misfortune seemed his lot  
 We got into a drifted bank  
 And then we got upsot

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells  
 Jingle all the way  
 Oh, what fun it is to ride  
 In a one horse open sleigh

Jingle bells, jingle bells  
 Jingle all the way  
 Oh, what fun it is to ride  
 In a one horse open sleigh  
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Jingle bells, jingle bells  
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### Outdoor Observations by Tom Berg

### The Colorful Five-Lined Skink



"Five-lined skinks are found where there is plenty of water and lots of insects to eat. Photo by Tom Berg."

Have you ever seen a skink? Skinks are pretty cool creatures. They are small lizards which are native to North America and many other parts of the world. The Five-Lined Skink, in particular, is a very handsome and colorful little lizard. It is very common throughout much of the eastern United States and the Midwest, including Indiana. They can also be found all the way south to the Gulf of Mexico.

Five-lined skinks are often called blue-tailed skinks since juveniles of the species have bright blue tails. The blue color fades as they get older, especially in the males. The main body of both males and females is dark brown with five yellowish stripes running the length of its body. The yellow stripes gradually fade with age, too.

These interesting lizards typically only grow to about eight inches in length from their nose to the tip of their tail. They have short legs with long toes, but they can still move surprisingly fast. They use their speed to catch all sorts of small insects and spiders. Ants, beetles, crickets and moths are favorite foods. Like many other skinks, five-lined skinks have the ability to disconnect and drop their tail if it is grabbed by a predator (or a person). The bright blue color of the tail often attracts the attention of predators, and these skinks actually wave their tails back and forth to get the attention of an attacker. Once the offender grabs their tail, the skink releases it and escapes, otherwise unharmed! With time, a new tail is regenerated!

## Family Flyer Road Trip!



My photo with your Flyer from my recent trip to Ireland. I was staying in the Durkin cottage in Bahola Parish, County Mayo where my great-grandfather was born. We also visited the O'Dea castle in County Clare. My sister Annette Engle, who you may remember from Hanover, was also there on a separate trip with our sister Connie's daughter. We learned so much from two of the three cousins

we know there. Definitely will go back! From Elaine Engle Bielefeld.

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**Pecan Pie**

- Makes 8 servings
- 1 9-inch unbaked frozen deep dish pie shell, thawed
  - 1 1/2 cups pecans, coarsely chopped
  - 3 eggs, lightly beaten
  - 1 cup light corn syrup
  - 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon molasses
  - 2 tablespoons butter, melted
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract



1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
  2. Spread pecans along the bottom of the prepared pie shell.
  3. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. The pecans will rise to the surface of the pie.
  4. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes until the filling has set. Pie is done when the center reaches 200 F. Pie center when lightly tapped should spring back. Remove pie from oven and let cool on a wire rack for at least 2 hours.
  5. Serve.
- Preparation time: 15 minutes  
Cooking time: 1 hour, 5 minutes

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Keep in mind that there are three types of holiday cactus plants: the Thanksgiving cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*), the Easter cactus (*Rhipsalidopsis gaetneri*) and the Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera russelliana*). Each variety has its own unique traits — the Christmas cactus is an especially gorgeous houseplant for the winter season.



This colorful plant will show off its petals in a variety of colors such as red, purple, orange, pink and white and is sure to brighten up any space during the holiday season and beyond. and if you have any furry friends at home, this plant is pet-friendly.

A Christmas cactus thrives in bright, indirect light; it does not do well in direct sunlight and prefers a location like an east or north-facing window where it can receive diffused light throughout the day. Water every 1-2 weeks, allowing the potting soil to dry out at least half way down between waterings. Expect to water more often when your cactus is in brighter light and less often in lower light.

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### It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,  
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Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk  
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And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Ev'rywhere you go;  
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well,  
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas;  
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 Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
 Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer.  
 Refrain

We won't go until we get some;  
 We won't go until we get some;  
 We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.  
 Refrain

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
 We wish you a Merry Christmas and  
 a Happy New Year.

### Let It Snow!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,  
 But the fire is so delightful,  
 And since we've no place to go,  
 Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

It doesn't show signs of stopping,  
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 The lights are turned way down low,  
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When we finally say good night,  
 How I'll hate going out in the storm;  
 But if you really hold me tight,  
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# Fit & Healthy Family Guide

**A full holiday schedule of gatherings and celebrations can make staying fit seem much more difficult. These recommended tips can help you stay on track!**

## 1. Keep moving. Moving can help your overall health during the holidays.

In addition to staying active, try to avoid sitting for prolonged periods of time, such as when watching football games or eating. Remember: Too much sitting is hazardous to your health. Research shows that getting up for just five minutes every 30 to 60 minutes and performing light activity (say, pacing around the house or performing simple squat exercises) reduces the risk of diabetes and other heart disease risk factors.

These days, some smart watches will remind you to stand up every so often. Pay attention to those reminders, or set a goal of getting up at every commercial break to move your body while you're watching TV with friends and family.

## 2. Be the person with a plan. And hydrate.

The holidays can be a real land mine in terms of disrupting your best exercise and weight-control intentions. Start each day with a game plan, just like a great coach going into a big game. Tracking your food intake and activity level. Doing so makes you aware of the

amount of calories in certain foods. Even if you decide to eat higher-calorie options, you will probably eat smaller portions and make other adjustments to stay within your daily caloric goals.

Stay hydrated, in part because your brain can confuse thirst with hunger. A large glass of water before a meal (and especially before considering seconds) can help lessen the amount of food you consume. Drink six to eight glasses of water per day, and be sure to have two big glasses of water before the big, calorie-rich meals.

## 3. Make lists, exercise early and sleep.

Exercising in the morning is one of the biggest recommendations, making sure workouts are in the morning so you don't get distracted later in the day by parties, events or other holiday hoopla. Another recommendation is getting plenty of rest and maintaining lists to stay organized and stress-free.

If you're able to work out in the morning, you'll set yourself up for having a productive day and feeling accomplished. Then you can enjoy holiday activities and time with family without worrying about when you'll have time to exercise.

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#### 7. Indulge for a night, not a season.

It's easy to overindulge when the season of parties and leftovers – so many leftovers – is upon us. Particularly if you're hosting a holiday gathering, you're likely to end up with additional sweets and treats that you wouldn't normally choose as part of your regular diet.

Avoid allowing 'treats' to become staples by not letting them linger in the house after the celebration has ended. When the party is over, it is time to dump the junk.

To avoid wasting food, you can also take some types of foods to your local food bank or donate items to a program like Meals on Wheels, which delivers food to seniors in need. Or, send your guests home with the leftovers!

Happy Holidays!

## Hot Chocolate Float

Serves 4

- 2 cups milk
- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 2 tablespoons superfine sugar
- 8 scoops coconut ice cream
- 8 scoops semisweet chocolate ice cream
- Whipped cream, to decorate



Pour the milk into a saucepan. Break the chocolate into pieces and add to the saucepan with the sugar. Stir over low heat until the chocolate has melted, the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Put 1 scoop of coconut ice cream into each of 4 heatproof glasses, top with a scoop of chocolate ice cream, then repeat the layers. Pour the chocolate flavored milk into the glasses, top with whipped cream, and serve immediately.

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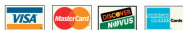
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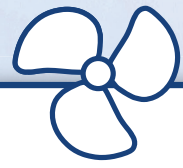
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