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Prices same as for Adult sizes

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**Meet Judy Wilhelm**

Judy will be our new co-secretary along with Louise Wickline. I asked her to give me some information about herself, and this is her story. She was raised in Washington, Illinois and her first exposure to

sewing and crafting was 4H, where she received several ribbons in sewing and baking classes. She spent nine years in Mexico as a missionary with her husband, Gary. They have a son, Andrew, and twin daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca. They have seven grandchildren. She retired in 2011 from the Land of Lincoln Credit Union after being there for 18 years. She is the secretary for the Kiwanianna’s. She has also been on the board for RSVP, and she is the treasurer for the Maple Grove Unit. She is one busy lady!! Welcome to the board, Judy!

**Afternoon of Fun in Champaign**

Twenty five members from Macon and Piatt took a trip to Champaign Tuesday, December 5th to shop and enjoy new experiences. First, we stopped at Prairie Gardens. What a great place to shop for our holiday decorations! Then, we went to Ten Thousand Villages where the items are made by women who live in poverty in foreign countries. We saw many very different items and many of us purchased something.

We had a great lunch at Old Grove Tavern and finally stopped at The Idea Store where there are many items none of us would even think about saving and donating!

We enjoyed our day together. It was a really fun day for all of us, and we thank Beth Allhands for planning the day for us.

## January

### **Monday, January 8, 2018**

1:00 p.m. HCE Board Meeting  
Extension Office - Clover Room

### **Monday, January 15, 2018**

Extension Office Closed

### **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

RSVP for January Class

### **Monday, January 22, 2018**

Sew Practical

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bring your machine. 2 yards of your favorite material and sewing notions. We will be making some new projects.

Extension office - Clover Room

## February

### **Monday, February 5, 2018**

Tri County Meeting

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Macon County Extension Office - Clover Room

### **Monday, February 5, 2018**

RSVP for February Class

### **Monday, February 12, 2018**

Update on Current Scams

State's Attorney Jay Scott

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Extension Office - Upstairs Room

### **Monday, February 12, 2018**

1:00 p.m. HCE Board Meeting

Extension Office - Clover Room

Newsletter information due to Linda Austin

[lindaaustin48@gmail.com](mailto:lindaaustin48@gmail.com)

### **Monday, February 19, 2018**

Pillowcase Sewing Day

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Extension Office - Clover Room

### **Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

Scholarship Applications available at the Extension office and online  
[www.mche.org](http://www.mche.org) under Education tab.

Scholarship Committee Chairman - Carol Ropp

### **Thursday, March 1, 2018**

RSVP for March Lesson

### **Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Novel Ideas

480 E. Main St, Decatur

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on your own

Meet at the Staley Museum at 1:30 p.m.

361 N. College St., Decatur, IL

### **Monday, March 12, 2018**

1:00 p.m. HCE Board Meeting

Macon County Extension - Clover Room

### **March 13 - 15, 2018**

IAHCE State Conference in Effingham, IL.

Keller Convention Center

## **Sew Practical Lesson**

Monday, January 22, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.

We will be making the following projects:



1. 20 minute table runner - 18 in of one fabric and 12 inches of coordinating fabric.
2. Cell phone/tablet stand - 1/2 yard of fabric and lightweight batting.
3. Fabric topped kitchen hand towel - 1 kitchen or hand towel - 1/2 yard coordinating fabric.
4. Placemat purse - 1 or 2 rectangular placemats, 1 yd. strapping for handles
5. Fabric basket—1/2 yard fabric (You might want two different fabrics that coordinate), 1/2 yard batting

**Questions:** Contact Karen Cahill

**REMEMBER TO CALL AND SIGN UP!**

### **Corrections to the "Red Program Booklet"**

You should be receiving your new red program book soon. All of the unit presidents have them for you. We found two corrections that need to be made.

1. Page 14 - The Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14 is held at **Lions Park** not Fletcher Park.
2. Page 15 - Monday July 9, 2018 the HCE Board meeting will be at 1:00 p.m.

### **Reports to State**

For reports we send to State, we would also like for you to tally up the number of items you have made over the year and donated. Example:

Chemo caps, prayer shawls, scarves, Linus blankets, teddy bears, etc. Please get your numbers to Mary Ann, Karen Cahill or Carol Ropp as soon as possible.



We want to put together a patriotic themed basket for the silent auction at conference this year. If you have any patriotic type items that you would like to donate to the cause, please let any board member know or get them to us by February 20. Thanks for your help!

## **Co-President**

Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp

Well, what a year this has been! We hope you were able to join in our many events this year; possibly get some new members in your unit; make a new friend; learn a few new things, etc. We are glad you are part of MCHCE and look forward to many great adventures next year as we celebrate our 100 year anniversary.

We will be “Celebrating at the Crossroads” with IAHCe. The annual conference, March 13-15, will be held in Effingham at the Thelma Keller Convention Center. If you are a new member, it really helps to put all of HCE together to give you a better understanding of the many aspects of the organization. If you have never attended, you should consider going. It is a lot of fun and you meet many (about 400) interesting HCE ladies from all over the state. You get great ideas and feel really “pumped up”. You can attend for one day, two, or all three. We encourage you to consider joining us in March. Remember, ALL HCE members (NOT JUST BOARD MEMBERS) are invited to attend. Please contact us if you have questions. You can also get information and register at the state website: [www.iahce.org](http://www.iahce.org)

We think we have a great line up of new lessons and programs for 2018. We hope you agree and will join us for them. Maybe you can even bring a friend! Remember to RSVP in a timely manner and, if you are signed up, please call and cancel if you are unable to attend.

Merry Christmas to all of you. We hope you have a happy, healthy new year. Looking forward to seeing you in 2018!

## **Co- Vice President**

Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Can you imagine 2017 is almost gone and we will be preparing for another great year? December 11<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Middleton is going to teach us some Christmas crafts. It will be a fun day. Save the date, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 100 year anniversary of Home Extension. Plans are being made to celebrate. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the lesson is Sew Practical. Bring your sewing machine, 2 yards of fabric and sewing notions. We will be making some new projects.

Are you interested in the latest scams going on in this area? State’s Attorney, Jay Scott, will be telling us about the latest scams on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Yeah, our first pillowcase sewing day for 2018 is February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 3:30. Bring your sewing machine and

come join in on the fun. If you don’t have a sewing machine, come help cut out fabric, iron, or help where needed.

Start making your plans to attend the 2018 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference is March 13 – 15, 2018 in Effingham, IL. This year’s theme is “Celebration at the Crossroads”. Please send in your pre-registration form in before February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Save the date: September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 100 year anniversary of Home Extension. Plans are being made to celebrate.

This year we will be learning about Australia. The Fall Meeting will be your chance to make a recipe with cherries as an ingredient.

## **Second Vice President’s Report**

Sandy Severe

Season’s greetings to one and all! Christmas is coming upon us fast and furious. Are you ready? The total membership for 2017 is 112. We have gained nine new members. Bonnie Lanham will be your Second Vice President starting in January. Please welcome her to this position. Let’s work to increase our membership. It takes all of us working together to keep this wonderful organization going!

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Second Vice President. It has been a great experience and a lot of fun. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to all!



This is a sample of the magnetic name tags that are now available at a cost of \$3.50 each. They will be made here in Decatur. The color will be purple similar to what we currently have. Contact Karen Cahill with your order questions.

**Please Remember to RSVP to All Lessons  
877-6042**

# OFFICERS' REPORTS

## Cultural Enrichment

Sally Dennis

Words cannot express how proud and glad I am for the increase in participation in the Cultural Enrichment entries this year. I hope you will continue to participate with your great creativity and do even more this coming year.

The food entries for our "Pumpkin Potluck" were great as well. You all have such wonderful imagination; and surprisingly there were no pumpkin pies entered.

The Cultural Enrichment items that are going to the Conference in Effingham in March are:

Wall Hanging- Red, White & Blue Wreath by Lyn Stevens  
Scrapbooking-pictures of her trip to Paris by Sandy Lynch  
Recycled- Wreath of pins by Sandy Lynch

Photography - Picture of a cardinal by Donna Washburn

Machine Pieced & Quilted- Child's blanket  
by Karen Halicki

Machine Embroidery - "Welcome Autumn" by  
Mary Anne Platt

Knit Other - Shawl by Carol Myers

Crafts - Decorative Solar Light by Sally Dennis

The "Pumpkin Potluck" winning entries were:

Crockpot - Pumpkin Sloppy Joes by Karen Cahill

Soups - Pumpkin Chili by Sandy Lynch

Pumpkin Chili by Sandy Severe

Winter Squash Chowder by Bonnie Lanham

Breads - Pumpkin Bread by Elsie Farnham

Pumpkin Rolls/Honey Butter by Pam Walker

Pumpkin Bread by Carol Myers

Cookies - Apple Pumpkin Cookie Pizza by Sally Dennis

Pumpkin Spice Molasses Cookie by Sharon Middleton

Pumpkin Chip Drops by Carol Myers

Cakes/Bars - Pumpkin Thing by Bonnie Lanham

Pumpkin Pie Cake by Alice Bray

Pudding - Pumpkin Pudding by Carol Myers

Muffins - Pumpkin Muffins by Sharon Middleton

Mini Pumpkin Pie Croissants by Sandy Lynch

Pumpkin Chip Muffins by Rosemary Knapp

Pumpkin Misc. - Pumpkin Crisp by Sally Dennis

Great Pumpkin Dessert by Sharon Middleton

Kiwi Salad/Quinoa by Lyn Stevens

Candy - Spice Pumpkin Fudge by Pauline O'Dell

Congratulations to all winners of all categories!

And a huge thank you to Jo Bauer, Martha Lynch and Kathy Gentry for being our judges this year.

Put your thinking caps on for next year's theme will be CHERRIES.

Love to all and best wishes that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

## Just for Fun!!

Arapsrodokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. It was said that Winton Churchill loved them. Thank you to Carol Ropp for sharing these. I added some extra comments that I can relate to!

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong. (I can relate to this with my other half! Notice that I did not say better!)

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

They begin the news with "Good Evening" then proceed to tell you why it isn't. (I could use a news program with only good news once in a while)

These are just a few of the ones that I received. If you have other arapsrodokians, please send them to me. We could all use a laugh sometimes! It is supposed to be good for our overall health!



Don't forget to turn your volunteer hours into Mary Ann Platt right away! We would like to have 100 percent of our membership turn in hours. That is our goal for this year. You can e-mail her or call her with your hours. Her e-mail is [maryannia@aol.com](mailto:maryannia@aol.com). Her phone number is 217-864-2716.

We are planning to e-mail the newsletter in 2018 to those people who have e-mail. This will help with the cost tremendously. If you don't want it e-mailed to you, please let Diane at the Extension Office know. We will still continue to mail the newsletter to you if you don't have e-mail services. I hope you enjoy the newsletter as much as I enjoy getting the information to you. Have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Linda Austin, Public Relations



# MACON COUNTY UNIT NEWS

## Hickory Point Unit

We met on November 14 at the home of Merrill Dees. Ann Rhode from Renew Total Body Wellness spoke about natural healing, alternative medicine, and wellness. We were given information about vitamins, minerals, and the importance of a good diet. Her presentation was very interesting and informative. We welcomed Elaine Hamm as a new member to our unit who was with us that day. Terri Miller and Mary Beth Wickline have also joined us recently. Sharon Middleton shared the theme for 2018, "Celebrating the Crossroads", to celebrate 200 years of HCE in Illinois and 100 years in Macon County. After our meeting, we all enjoyed Merrill's delicious pumpkin dump cake while we visited. Our December meeting was a luncheon at the Decatur Club on December 12. We always enjoy our fun gift exchange with each other, watching the variety of choices for exchanging. We also bring personal hygiene items to be given to the residents at God's Shelter of Love. We know the true meaning of giving at Christmas.

Louise Wickline, reporting

## Oakley Unit

Our November meeting was a lunch at Il Forno. Six members were able to attend. We will meet at Carol's in December for our Christmas party and gift exchange. Each member is to bring a dish for a potluck and a game, poem, or Christmas story. Our January meeting place has not been determined yet. We will meet to fill out our new program booklets. Hope each and everyone has a wonderful and joyous holiday!

Sandy Severe, reporting

## Maroa Patchwork Unit

There were 10 ladies that met at Crawford's Pizza for an evening of laughs and conversation. We welcomed a new member and said goodbye to our snowbirds. Karen Halicki updated us on upcoming events, dues, program books and she passed out some yummy recipes. We discussed our local Christmas baskets and decided to adopt a family for Christmas. We also decided to enjoy Il Forno for our meeting before Christmas.

## Pleasant Grove Unit

We met in November and we had nine members present. Estaleen Earthal was our hostess and she had beautiful centerpieces. Mary Shelton opened the meeting and reports and updated lessons were reported on. Mary and Tat passed out samples of the program, "Make Your Own Mixes". We welcomed back Phyllis Goodbred, as she had been ill and not able to attend our unit meetings. Sally Dennis gave us an update on the Fall Meeting and Cultural Enrichment winners.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann Platt. Anna Belle showed us some of the crafts made at the lessons during HCE week. Sally taught us how to make Christmas trees out of scrapbooking paper.

Alice Bray, reporting

## Maple Grove Unit

Our October 26 meeting was at the Decatur Conference Center at 11:30. The secretary asked members to answer rollcall by naming a memorable Halloween costume they had made. Sixteen members answered the call. Minutes from our August meeting were read and two corrections were made. Treasurer's report was then given and the Pennies for Friendship container was passed.

The state officers were named for the upcoming year. They are as stated: Co-Presidents; Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gini Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Bev Carmean, Treasurer; Judy Wilhelm, Secretary; Mary Kay Ennis, Cultural Enrichment; Carol Myers, International Day; Kris Batchelder, Public Relations; Linda Austin and Mary Kay Ennis, and Community Outreach; to be named later.

It was discussed that HCE is losing revenue. This year, we will not be serving meals for Gardening Insights. We are searching for ways to save. The December 5<sup>th</sup> trip was discussed. It is entitled HCE Creative Culture Tour 2017 and will be held in Champaign. Reservations are due November 15, to ensure the use of Piattran as our transportation. A flier was passed out about the trip and also the transportation available.

Breakfast items will be provided by Maple Grove for the annual Fall Meeting on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Several members volunteered to bring these food items. Carol highlighted the monthly lessons for the next year. Our next lesson for 2017 will be a guided tour of the Kroger Store at 1818 Airport Plaza. Maple Grove will have no November meeting.

Under announcement and concerns; Several members shared health issues, either their own or their spouses. There will be a membership drive at the Forsyth Library on November 4<sup>th</sup>. It will also be a session of craft making at this time.

Mary Kay Ennis, reporting

## Mt Zion

Rather than hold a regular meeting in October, our unit members decided to attend the sessions for HCE week. Members registered for the sessions of their interest, and then

# OCTOBER MINUTES

## **Macon County HCE Board Meeting - October 9, 2017**

**October:** The meeting was called to order by co-president Karen Cahill at 1:10 pm. Co-president Carol Ropp led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. Carol read a humorous anecdote. The roll call showed 6 units and 10 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Linda Hooge moved and Sandy Severe seconded that they be approved. Passed. Treasurer Sharon Middleton gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit. Bills were presented for payment.

Mary Ann Platt moved and Linda Hooge seconded that Sharon Middleton be paid for photographs. Motion passed. Pennies for Friendship must be sent in by November 24. Our dues of \$15 must be paid by November 1. There was no correspondence.

### **Officers' Reports:**

**Co-presidents:** Karen Cahill and Carol Ropp saved their comments until later in the meeting.

**Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidents:** Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge reported that the November 9 lesson on New and Unusual Foods will be at the Airport Kroger.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Sandy Severe said the November 4 craft meeting at the Forsyth library is to encourage new members. Linda Austin suggested a limit of 15 attendees.

**Community and Family Issues and CVH:** Mary Ann Platt moved that Sharon Middleton be given \$25 for her card lesson supplies. Linda Hooge seconded, and it passed. There were 39 cards made with 14 members present. In 2017 there were 284 pillowcases made. The Stearman veterans' flight day was a wonderful experience. Members need to be encouraged to report volunteer hours.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Sally Dennis was absent. The food competition for the fall meeting was discussed. Categories will be casseroles (with and without pumpkin), cakes/cupcakes, cookies, candy, bread, muffins, snacks, pudding, soup, miscellaneous. Entry forms will be filled out for each dish.

**Historian:** Karen Halicki was absent.

**International:** Emily Chamberlain was absent.

**Public Relations:** Linda Austin reported on newsletter progress.

Beth Allhands was absent but had reported on a planned bus trip to Champaign-Urbana on December 5. The group will visit the Idea Store and 10,000 Villages store and stop for lunch. Reservations must be in by November 15 with a cost of \$19 or \$20 depending on one's age.

**Unfinished/Old Business:** HCE Week activities are planned for this week. Centennial plans will include a meal at Decatur Club on September 8, 2018. Aprons and shirts will be ordered. Linda Hooge will investigate silk screening for the shirts. A speaker from the Honor Guard will be contacted by Mary Ann Platt for the annual meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Sandy Severe, Homemakers' Aim by Sally Dennis, Installation of Officers by Jane Chapman, lunch prayer by Carol Flitz. The Honor Guard will receive our donation. Rock Springs unit will sell 50/50 tickets. The nominating committee had made calls but there were no definite acceptances. Mary Ann Platt moved that \$50 be donated to the

Illinois Food Bank when we visit. Anna Belle Farrell seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business:** Yard signs (IAHCE supports First Responders) will be available for \$6. Lesson choice lists are being tallied. The 2018 budget was distributed and explained. A possible dues increase for next year was discussed. Carol Ropp will be selling Kringles on November 9, and volunteers may be needed at the Decatur Club from 7:30 am to 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Wickline

## **Unit Reports Continued**

we all decided to attend on Tuesday October 10, so that we **Mt. Zion:** could have a short meeting if necessary. Everyone who attended the sessions enjoyed them very much. Carol Dilbeck served as hostess for the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thirteen members met at the Antioch Christian Church at 1:00. Our roll call this time was "What are your plans for Thanksgiving?" and there were a variety of answers. Vicky shared pertinent information from the board meeting. The country of study will be Australia, and the 2018 Fall Meeting will feature recipes with cherries. The 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of our county's founding will be held September 8, 2018.

Carol introduced our special guest, Jami Hallam, who presented a very interesting lesson on doTERRA Essential Oils and the benefits these oils provide for our health, comfort and well-being. Jami spoke about each of the ten top oils, passing a sample of each one around for us to smell. Jami was a very personable, vibrant, and knowledgeable presenter, and our group learned a great deal from her presentation.

Following the presentation, Carol served cinnamon cookies, and pumpkin and banana bread, all of which were super delicious! She also presented each of us with a wonderfully scented bag of potpourri to enjoy in our own homes. The December meeting will be Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Raspberry Tea Room. What better way to send 2017 into history than to enjoy lunch with our friends in HCE. Come join us!

Vonn Gregory, reporting

## **Rock Springs Unit**

The October meeting of our unit was held October 11<sup>th</sup> with 8 members present. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Cracker Barrel. Linda held a short discussion on the minutes from the previous board meeting. The next meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lois Miller. The November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Lois Miller's house. We discussed the December 5<sup>th</sup> trip to Champaign. Everyone in our unit placed in several categories at the Fall Meeting. Linda Hooge also told us all about the new logo on the shirts that will be ordered at a later date. We also learned that Janet Poe will be joining our unit. Welcome, Janet! Lyn Stevens also told us about several happenings in the Decatur area during the month of December.

Lois Miller, reporting

# NOVEMBER MINUTES

Macon County HCE Board Meeting  
November 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by co-presidents Carol Ropp and Karen Cahill followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers' Aim. Carol shared a heart-warming story about a benefit she had attended where the small community of Blue Mound had raised \$49,000 to help a community member in need. The roll call listed 8 units and 12 members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Linda Hooge moved and Sandy Severe seconded that they be approved as corrected. Motion passed. Sharon Middleton gave the treasurer's report which was filed for audit. Bills were presented for payment. A very kind thank-you letter for pillow cases from the Hopedale Nursing Home was shared.

## Officers' Reports:

**Co-Presidents:** Saved their comments until later in the meeting.

**Co-1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents:** Anna Belle Farrell and Linda Hooge reminded us that the December 11 lesson has been changed to Christmas Crafts by Sharon Middleton.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Sandy Severe said there were 14 guests at the November 4 craft program. Our membership is now 113.

**Community and Family Issues and CVH:** Mary Ann Platt was absent.

**Cultural Enrichment:** Sally Dennis read the list of fall meeting food and craft winners. They will be listed in the news letter. The top craft winners will be entered at the state conference. Sally suggested cherries as the food theme choice for our next county units meeting.

**Historian:** Karen Halicki asked for units to contribute pictures of their group for the scrapbook.

**International:** Emily Chamberlain was absent. The next country for International Day will be Australia.

**Public Relations:** Linda Austin named December 11 as the deadline for the news letter.

**Unfinished Old Business:** The Champaign bus trip has 16 members signed up from our county. The Centennial Plans are being made. Aprons and shirts with logos will be ordered later. Yard signs are still available. Pictures for the directory may be emailed to Sharon Middleton.

**New Business:** Sally Dennis moved and Linda Hooge seconded that we give Diane Dowd \$100 for a Christmas gift in appreciation for all her help. Motion passed. Sharon Middleton moved and Karen Halicki seconded that Beth

Allhands be given \$25 for Christmas. Motion passed. Suggestions for practical sewing ideas were discussed. December 11 will be the board meeting for finishing the new program books. We will order a catered lunch for noon after the morning lesson is finished.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Wickline

## PUMPKIN RECIPES



I will be publishing some of the recipes from our Fall Meeting each month in the newsletter for your enjoyment!

### Crockpot Pumpkin Sloppy Joes by Karen Cahill

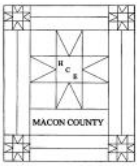
1 pound lean ground beef	½ c. diced onion
½ c. diced bell pepper	2 garlic cloves, minced
1 c. pumpkin	½ c. ketchup
1 T. Dijon mustard	1 T. apple cider vinegar
1 t. chili powder	½ t. paprika
½ t. salt	pinch of cloves, nutmeg and black pepper

Brown meat with onion, garlic, and bell pepper. Place in crock pot with all other ingredients. Cook on high 3 to 4 hours or low 6 to 8 hours. Enjoy!

### Great Pumpkin Dessert by Sharon Middleton

1 15 oz. can of pureed pumpkin  
1 12 oz can evaporated milk  
3 eggs  
1 c. sugar  
4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
1 yellow cake mix  
¾ to 1 c. butter, melted  
1 ½ c. pecans or walnuts, depending on your preference

Beat first 5 ingredients until smooth. Transfer to a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Sprinkle with the dry cake mix and drizzle with butter. Top with nuts of your choice. Bake at 350 for 1 hour or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Serves 12 to 16.



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