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Recipe of the month

Mini Halloween Cheeseball Pumpkins

2 1/2 teaspoons butter
3 tablespoons chopped garlic
1 1/2 teaspoons white sugar
2 cups shredded aged Cheddar cheese
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup finely crushed cheese-flavoured crackers
12 pretzel sticks
1 small bunch fresh parsley, or to taste

Prep: 30 mins. Total: 1 hr 5 mins Yield: 24

- Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until sizzling, about 30 seconds. Add garlic and sugar. Cook, stirring constantly, until garlic just starts to brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately remove from heat. Transfer garlic mixture to a bowl. Add Cheddar cheese, cream cheese, green onions, and garlic salt. Beat using an electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Cover and refrigerate until firm enough to handle, about 30 minutes.
- Shape chilled cheese mixture into golf ball-sized balls. Roll each ball in crushed crackers and slightly flatten the bottom. Press 1/2 a pretzel stick into the top. Repeat with remaining cheese mixture.
- Spread parsley out on a serving plate and place mini cheeseball pumpkins on top.

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Everybody's Talking

Saving sailors: A famous lighthouse on the east coast of Canada attracts tourist attention. In the province of Nova Scotia, Peggy's Point Lighthouse was originally built in 1868 and rebuilt in 1915. The red and white structure measures 15 metres (50 ft.) high and is located on a granite outcrop of rock at the entrance of St. Margaret's Bay in the fishing village of Peggy's Cove, about an hour from the province's capital city of Halifax. This lighthouse is classified in Canada as a Federal Heritage Building.

Billboard love: Whether or not he ends up finding love, Mark Rofe certainly has a sense of endeavour. The 30-something single man from Sheffield, England, recently rented a billboard to suggest that interested individuals contact him if they'd like to go on a date. Rofe had tried the usual online dating methods, to no avail. So he paid £425 to advertise on the roadside space, on a busy street in the city of Manchester. The billboard states: "Date Mark. This could be the sign you've been waiting for," followed by his website address.

Red water: A lake in Chile has red water. Called Laguna Roja (Red Lagoon), it is located near the city of Camarones, in the Arica y Parinacota Region. The temperature of the fresh water is 40° to 50° C (104° to 122° F) because the lake is fed by hot springs. No conclusive evidence explains why the waters are red. It may be because of algae or suspended sediment. The lake's depth is not known. Laguna Roja is surrounded by treeless hills, mountains, and rocky outcrops, and is one of the country's hidden gems.

Sand art: Japan is home to The Sand Museum. Located near the Tottori Sand Dunes on the island of Honshu, the open-air museum honours the natural wonder of the dunes. Visitors can view the enormous works of sand sculptors from around the world, with themed exhibitions changing each year. Sculptures might feature mythical figures, religious icons, and depictions of modern literature, such as The Jungle Book. Themes have ranged from "Czech Republic and Slovakia" to "South America." The museum closes for a few months between displays so the sculptors can work their magic in sand.

Quoteable Quotes

"I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying." —Michael Jordan

"The only real elegance is in the mind. If you've got that, the rest follows from it." —Diana Vreeland

What's Happening

Lethbridge Public Library's Read On Adult Literacy and Learning classes are now online offering one-on-one-tutoring and small classes focused on improving reading, writing, math, listening and speaking, and computer skills. To register call 403-320-3133 or 403-380-7323.

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Trivia

- How many liquid gallons are in a barrel?
- Laterally means upward, towards the back, or sideways??
- Which scientist wrote a book about Earth called Pale Blue Dot?
- In Aesop's Fables, who was last to finish in a race—the tortoise or the hare?
- Is turmeric an herb or a spice?

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ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
Your schedule may seem full, but try to find time to enjoy with your loved ones. They might appreciate your sentiments much more than you expected. Lucky numbers: 7, 20, 38, 40, 41, 42.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your research opportunities may start to open a new perspective. History might repeat itself. Your interpretation of these events could give you some answers. Lucky numbers: 9, 22, 26, 29, 35, 38.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
Believe in your abilities to accomplish your work. The winds may change suddenly, and new policies may help you realize that your goals might come true. Lucky numbers: 2, 9, 13, 17, 26, 34.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your interest in places faraway may become your favourite topic. Traveling or studying about a different part of the world might help you learn more within your field. Lucky numbers: 4, 14, 18, 20, 22, 34.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may feel as if you're totally alone. You can benefit from reaching out to others who may share their positive flow. They might help you see past the present. Lucky numbers: 11, 12, 23, 34, 36, 48.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You know you need to push your ideas harder. Don't allow others to flounder and waste your precious time. Try to prepare yourself for any possibilities. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 23, 24, 33, 44.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You may need to gather more information in order to reach your current goals. Personal contacts might be able to introduce you to those who can help you find solutions. Lucky numbers: 4, 8, 12, 16, 24, 32.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Your sensitive mood may brighten when you realize how much happiness you can spin for others. Your strength of character might help you overcome any fears. Lucky numbers: 14, 19, 23, 24, 32, 39.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)
There are so many different choices for you to make. Try to listen to your heart. Don't allow others to interfere with making your important decisions. Lucky numbers: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 45.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Special people in your life may show their gratitude in many ways. Take them up on their kind offers. Push through the hype and you might find your perfect fit. Lucky numbers: 5, 11, 19, 23, 24, 30.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You may have challenges before you that you might have to address sooner or later. You may need to dig a little deeper in order to surpass current expectations. Lucky numbers: 7, 18, 20, 27, 36, 44.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)
Be thankful and humble. There may be many people who trust you to fight for their causes. Your confidence and luck might seem to go hand-in-hand with your good mood. Lucky numbers: 7, 8, 20, 27, 36, 46.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Virgo winners with the luckiest number being 7.

Did You Know...

Ridge lines: Vertical ridges on fingernails that run from the cuticle to the tip of the nail shouldn't cause worry. However, horizontal ridges are called Beau's lines and could be a sign of a medical problem, such as malnutrition or infection.

Spanish, anyone? The official name of Spain, the country located on Europe's Iberian Peninsula southwest of France, is Kingdom of Spain. The country has four official languages: Castilian Spanish, Euskera (Basque), Catalan, and Galician.

Flying feat: The blackpoll warbler is a small songbird that migrates from northern North America to northern South America and the Caribbean. These wee birds can fly for three days without stopping.

Storm names: Each hurricane season, hurricanes are given names developed by the World Meteorological Organization. The names are given out in alphabetical order, and the same names won't be used again for six years. No hurricanes begin with Q, U, X, Y, or Z.

Windy place: Neptune, the eighth planet from the sun, is about four times the size of Earth. Extreme atmospheric weather conditions on Neptune cause winds that are much faster than what we experience on Earth.

On the Lighter Side

How many real estate agents does it take to change a lightbulb? Ten, but we'll accept eight.

Which side of a duck has the most feathers? The outside.

Optimist: "The glass is half full." Pessimist: "The glass is half empty." Mother: "Why didn't you use a coaster!"

Pat: "I have a doctor's appointment today, but I really don't want to go."
Matt: "Just call in sick then."

If you're tired of waiting at a restaurant, just call their number and ask if they also deliver to table 16.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 31.5 gal. 2. Sideways 3. Carl Sagan 4. Tortoise 5. Spice

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