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**5 Perfect for a Potluck.** Peppered sliced beef makes a satisfying entree to take to a get-together. Or, pair it with our other potluck foods for a delicious party menu.

**6 Holiday Brunch.** For Christmas morning or another special occasion, Illinois field editor Julie Sterchi suggests an appetizing brunch that delights her family.

**11 Wrap Up Festive Foods.** Readers share attractive ways to package cookies, candies and other food gifts. Gaily packed holiday goodies are always welcome!

**12 Budget-Stretching Fare.** Serving a hearty pork casserole, dressed-up brussels sprouts and a lovely cake for just \$1.61 per person helps balance holiday expenses.

**16 Country Christmas Theme.** Woodsy accents and old-fashioned trims deck the table for a delectable down-home Christmas family dinner featuring Cornish hens.

**25 Clip & Keep Cards.** For an array of Bountiful Buffet choices, try our contest winners, plus more fine foods to celebrate the season—on convenient recipe cards.

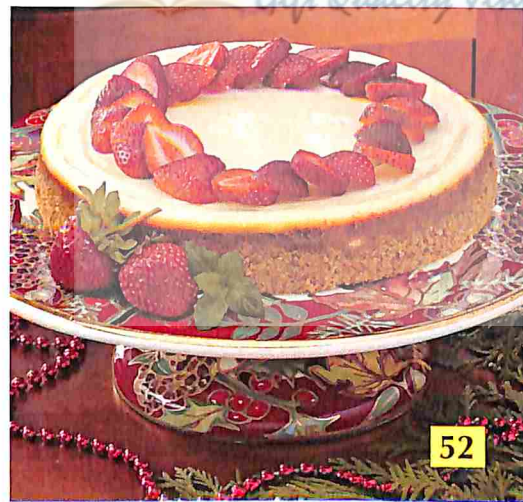
**46 Merry Kitchen.** A Missouri reader’s kitchen lends itself beautifully to her holiday decor. See how displays of her jolly Santas and cheerful snowmen fit right in.

**48 Dazzling Desserts.** ‘Tis the season to splurge on sweets! In addition to this group of scrumptious, elegant desserts, note the showstopper on our back cover.

**52 Luscious Light Cheesecake.** With its fabulous flavor, no one will guess that this treat is lighter than most. It’s in this issue’s mix of low-fat, low-sugar recipes.

**66 Headed for Fun.** Donning vivid red hats, this lively group enjoyed our Visitor Center and the *Taste of Home* Restaurant. Read their note and other readers’ letters.

**67 Recipe Index.** Every recipe in this issue is indexed on the inside back cover. A check mark indicates which recipes have nutritional analysis and diabetic exchanges.



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