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On Our Cover is Oregon field editor Kathleen Jones—meet her in “Here’s Part of Our Staff”, page 4. Recipes for our Christmas cookie bonanza begin on page 8.

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.

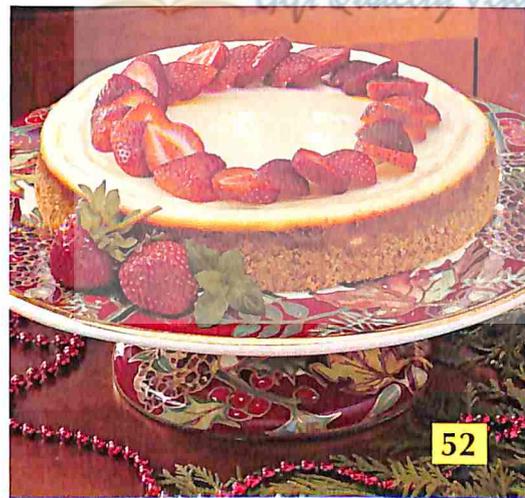
46 Merry Kitchen. A Missouri reader’s kitchen lends itself beautifully to her holiday decor. See how displays of her jolly Santas and cheerful snowmen fit right in.

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.

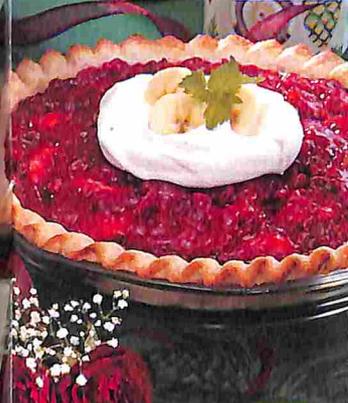
52 Luscious Light Cheesecake. With its fabulous flavor, no one will guess that this treat is lighter than most. It’s in this issue’s mix of low-fat, low-sugar recipes.

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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