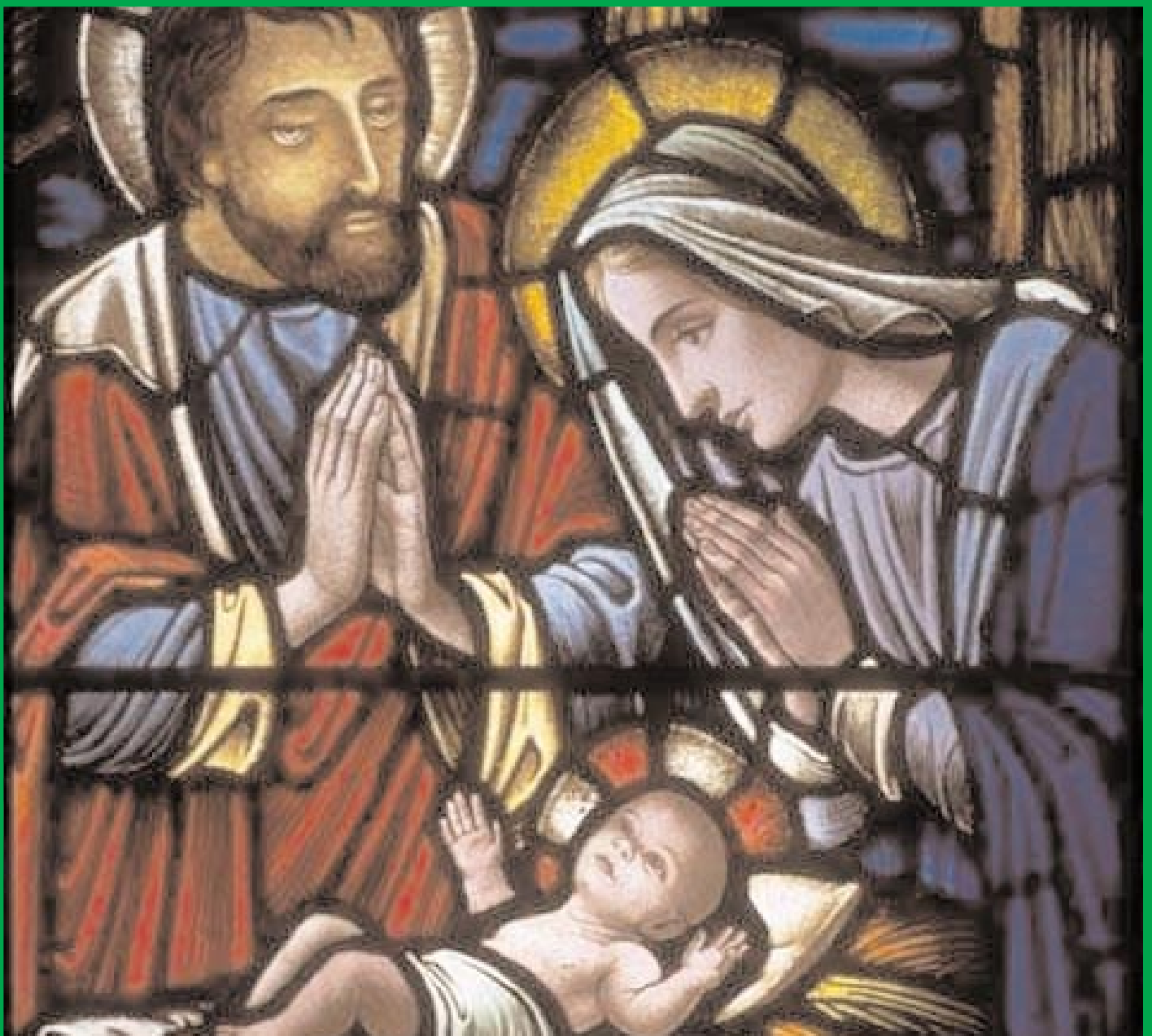

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Merry Christmas

Best Wishes for the New Year

Niehaus Home Center Hosts Christmas Open House

The one day celebration was filled with a variety of events to please 'kids from one to ninety two'.

Niehaus Home Center kicked off the Holiday Season with an Open House on December 11th. The featured event was a celebrity art exhibit that is currently on a national tour. They were paintings created by 10 celebrities famous in the entertainment world. Those who participated were Yoko Ono, Randy Travis, Shari Belefonte, Max Weinburg, Buzz Aldrin, Phyllis Diller, Marlee Matlin, Dave Foley, Kathy Ireland and Sean Hayes.

The paintings were all created on Aristokraft cabinet doors in place of canvas. At the close of the tour, the exhibit will be auctioned and the proceeds will go to Share Our Strength - our nations largest anti-hunger, anti-poverty organization.

To carry the theme further, several local artists participated by displaying some of their art work. We were proud to display paintings by Bill Meyer, Anita Billings, Carol Moore, Lil Sievers, Sally Snider and Sherry Cummins, and stained glass pieces by Jeff Melton.



Sherry Cummins, Niehaus employee, shows some of her art work at the Niehaus Home Center Christmas Open House.



Santa visited with the children and heard their wish lists for this year.



Artist, Anita Billings and Jeff Melton look over Jeff's stain glass creations.



Santa made his appearance at 9:00 and visited with children until 3:00. Each family was given a free photo of their children with Santa.

One of the events for the day that created a Holiday Happening was a musical presentation by Maryanne Meyer, an accomplished harpist. Maryanne played several holiday arrangements that set the holiday mood.

Rivet made a musical contribution to the days event. The Rivet 6th Grade Handbell Choir filled the air with the magical sounds of Christmas. Rivet Junior and Senior Ensemble rounded out the musical entertainment with several holiday selections.



Wayne Sullivan and Danny Harrington cut out wooden ornaments to give children. Above: Chris Ewer serves samples of Old Tavern Club Cheese

Birthdays

In December the following employees will be celebrating their birthday!

Susan Sanders	Dec. 4
Dean Franz	Dec. 5
Dale Nash	Dec. 10
Larry Puent	Dec. 12
Scott Brian	Dec. 14
Don Meredith	Dec. 15
Mike Cavender	Dec. 16
Butch Niehaus	Dec. 16
Russell Cook	Dec. 19
Chad Clem	Dec. 20
James Noble	Dec. 21
Justin Robinson	Dec. 24

Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

December will mark the anniversary date of employment with our company for the following employees.

Helen Smith	9 Years
Tim Morris	8 Years
Lisa Ridgeway	7 Years
Dennis Bilskie	6 Years
Rick Henry	5 Years
Mike Glenn	2 Years
Josh Neikirk	1 Year
Jane Deal	1 Year
Brian Downen	1 Year

Congratulations!

New Employees

We want to welcome the following new employees to our company.

Brian Kirwer - WBM
 Matt Conover - Niehaus Home Center
 Robert Spade - WBM
 Janie Stephens - Niehaus
 Stephen Bauer- WBM
 Michael Babrick - Niehaus Home Center

WIFE VS. HUSBAND

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

WORDS

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day... 30,000 to a man's 15,000. The wife replied, "The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men... The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

CREATION

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time." The wife responded, "Allow me to explain. God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me; God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"

NOT ON OUR MAILING LIST?

If you (or anyone you know) who is not currently on our mailing list to receive the Niehaus News - but would like to be - just call 812-882-2710 or e-mail scummins@wbm-online.com



Remember This At Christmas Time

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer, each year male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.



Therefore, according to EVERY historical rendition depicting Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one of them, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be a female.

We should've know....Only women would be able to drag a fat man in a red velvet suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.

Old Tavern Club Cheese

Just in time for your holiday recipes and party snacks.



• Cheddar

Cups - 12 oz., 18 oz., 34 oz.
 Jars - 12 oz., 20 oz., 40 oz.

• Blue

Cups - 12 oz., 18 oz.

Christmas Jars - 20 oz. Jar
 Twin Packs - 2 - 12 oz. jars

Great Holiday Gifts!!

Available only at Niehaus Home Center.

Niehaus News

This newsletter is the official publication of events and activities of Niehaus Home Center, Wholesale Building Materials (Vincennes, St. Louis, and Nashville), Big Buck Building Centers (Terre Haute & Robinson) and is published 12 times per year.

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Christmas Memories

1953

One of my fondest memories of the Christmas Season was when I was in the Seminary at Saint Meinrad, Advent there was a very liturgical season. The first Sunday of Advent came in the last week of November and it was on

this Sunday the Advent Wreath with its four candles was blessed. I can still hear the beautiful Gregorian chant of the monks "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Each Sunday thereafter, another candle was lit and the growing anticipation of Christmas vacation and going home was on everyone's mind. While at home for Christmas vacation, the seminarians were always asked to serve Midnight Mass. The ceremony really captured the real meaning of Christmas. The lights in the church were turned off and only the candles beautifully illuminated the altar. In the entrance procession, one of the servers would carry the Christ Child to be placed in the crib scene and the organ would play that familiar tune, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" as we marched down the aisle.

1964

December 1964 we were living in our first house at 1314 Weed Lane and Patty was nine months pregnant with our second child. It was December 16th and none of our Christmas decorations were up, except for a live white pine tree sitting in the living room with a big ball on it. We had bought the tree from Bob Forbes the day before and it had no decorations yet. Patty started to have contractions about 7 that night and after about 2 hours of contractions we decided to call Dr. Bartlett - he lived right behind us on McDowell. So Doctor Don said he would be right over - and he did. He jumped the fence between our yards, fell in a hole, and sprained his ankle, but he made it into the house, checked on Patty and advised us to go to the hospital right away. At 11:00, on December 16, we had our first son, Bernard Francis (Butch) Niehaus. A Christmas I will never forget with no decorations and an injured doctor.

1976

In 1976, we lived at 12th & Sycamore. Our youngest son, Eric (seven years old) had a cute little dog he named Cuddles. Well, Cuddles got hit by a car shortly before Christmas. It was one of the coldest December's on record and the ground was frozen solid - so we couldn't bury Cuddles. Eric placed the little dog in his wagon, placed a blanket over him and pulled the wagon in the garage.

Father Niehaus from Evansville came to share Christmas dinner with us and the minute he got in the door, Eric asked Father if he wanted to see his little dog Cuddles. Well, Eric took Father out to the garage and was he surprised when he saw the frozen dog in the wagon. This is a Christmas I will never forget - a stiff dog and a shocked Priest.

Bernie

Story Time With Bernie



Bernie recently visited the Flaget 2nd Grade Class to read to the children.
Left: Bernie and his grandson, Ben Niehaus - a 2nd grader.

Food as Medicine

HEADACHE? EAT FISH!

Eat plenty of fish -- fish oil helps prevent headaches. So does ginger, which reduces inflammation and pain.

HAY FEVER? EAT YOGURT!

Eat lots of yogurt before pollen season.

TO PREVENT STROKE DRINK TEA!

Prevent buildup of fatty deposits on artery walls with regular doses of tea....

Green tea is great for our immune system!

ASTHMA? EAT ONIONS!!!!

Eating onions helps ease constriction of bronchial tubes.

ARTHRITIS? EAT FISH, TOO!!

Salmon, tuna, mackerel and sardines actually prevent arthritis.

Fish has omega oils, good for our immune system.

UPSET STOMACH? BANANAS - GINGER!!!!

Bananas will settle an upset stomach.

Ginger will cure morning sickness and nausea.

BONE PROBLEMS? EAT PINEAPPLE!!!

Bone fractures and osteoporosis can be prevented by the manganese in pineapple.

ULCERS? EAT CABBAGE ALSO!!!

Cabbage contains chemicals that help heal both gastric and duodenal ulcers.

Jerry Memering Receives Hall of Fame Status

Our congratulations to Jerry - a long-time contractor customer.

The November 29 Vincennes Sun-Commercial made the announcement that Jerry Memering, a former Alice's star and IU player, will be inducted into the Indiana Hall Of Fame next March.

"Memering led the Alice's to the state finals in 1968 and again in 1969. He was a four-year starter for the Alice's and with 1,650 points remains the school's all-time leading boys scorer. He went on to play at Indiana."

"During his career the Alice's won four sectionals, three regionals, two semi-states and two Southern Indiana Athletic Conference titles. Jerry went on to play four years at Indiana, the first two under Lou Watson and the final two under Bob Knight. Along with teammate Tom Turner, Jerry was named to the Hall of Fame's Silver Anniversary Team in 1994." Jerry is the owner/operator of Memering Construction Company located here in Vincennes. Over the years he has built a complete subdivision of residential homes and has headed up many construction projects in the Knox County area. He has participated in the Parade of Homes, been active in the Area Home Builders Association, as well as other community projects.



Everyone here at Niehaus Home Center thinks of Jerry as a friend first and as a topnotch customer second. From all of us here at Niehaus Home Center and Wholesale Building Materials, we extend our congratulations to an all around great guy.

'Twas the Night After Christmas

By Jeff Foxworthy

'Twas the night after Christmas and all through the trailer,
The beer had gone flat and the pizza was staler.
The tube socks hung empty, no candies or toys.
And I was camped out on my old Lay-Z-Boy.
The kids they weren't talking to me or my wife,
The worst Christmas they said they had had in their lives.
My wife couldn't argue and neither could I,
So I watched TV and my wife, she just cried.

When out in the yard the dog started barkin'.
I stood up and looked and I saw Sheriff Larkin.
He yelled, "Roy I am sworn to uphold the laws
And I got a complaint here from a feller named Claus."
I said, "Claus, I don't know nobody named Claus,
And you ain't taking me in without probable cause."

Then the Sheriff he said, "The man was shot at last night."
I said, "That might have been me, just what's he look like."
The Sheriff replied, "Well he's a jolly old feller, with a big beer gut belly,
That shakes when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly.
He sports a long beard, and a nose like a cherry."
I said, "Sheriff that sounds like my wife's sister Sherri."

"It's no time for jokes Roy" the Sheriff he said.
"The man I'm describing is dressed all in red.
I'm here for the truth now, it's time to come clean.
Tell me what you've done, tell me what you've seen."

Well I started to lie then I thought what the hell,
It wouldn't have been the first time that I've spent New Years in jail.
I said, "Sheriff it happened last night about ten.
I thought that my wife had been drinking again."
When she walked in from work she was as white as a ghost.
I thought maybe she had seen one of them UFO's.

But she said that a bunch of deer had just flown over her head,
And stopped on the roof of our good neighbour Red.
Well I ran outside to look and the sight made me shudder,
A freezer full of venison standing right on Red's gutter.
Well my hands were a shakin' as I grabbed my gun.
When outta Red's chimney this feller did run.

And slung on his back was this bag over flowin'.
I thought he stolen Red's stuff while old Red was out bowling'.
So I yelled, "Drop fat boy, hands in the air!"
But he went about his business like he hadn't a care!

So I popped off a warning shot over his head.
Well he dropped that bag and he jumped in that sled.
And as he flew off I heard him extort,
"That's assault with intent Roy, I'll see ya in court."



Maryanne Meyer, harpist, entertained the crowd at the Grand Opening with beautiful holiday arrangements.



Merry Christmas. from all of us

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Holiday Diet Tips

1. If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, they cancel each other out.
3. When eating wit someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.
4. Foods used for medicinal purposes have no calories. This includes any chocolate used for energy, brandy, Sara Lee Cheesecake (eaten whole), and Haagen-Daz Ice Cream.
5. Movie-related foods are much lower in calories simply because they are a part of the entertainment experience and not part of one's personal fuel. this includes Milk Duds, popcorn with butter, Junior Mints, Snickers, and Gummi Bears.
6. Cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breakage causes calorie leakage.
7. If you eat the food off someone else's plate, it doesn't count.
8. If you east standing up the calories all go to your feet and get walked off.
9. Food eaten at Christmas parties has no calories, courtesy of Santa.
- 10 STRESSED is just DESERTS spelled backward.

To: All employees
From: Management
Subject: Office Conduct During the Christmas Season

Effective immediately, employees should keep in mind the following guidelines in compliance with FROLIC (the Federal Revelry Office and Leisure Industry Council).



1. Running aluminum foil through the paper shredder to make tinsel is discouraged.
2. Playing Jingle Bells on the push-button phone is forbidden (it runs up an incredible long distance bill).
3. Work requests are not to be filed under "Bah hum bug."
4. Company cars are not to be used to go over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house.
5. All fruitcake is to be eaten BEFORE July 25.
6. Egg nog will NOT be dispensed in vending machines.

In spite of all this, the staff is encouraged to have a Happy Holiday.



WORKING FAMILIES TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2004

On October 4, 2004, the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 was signed into law by President Bush. The Tax Relief Act is made up primarily of extensions to the Job and Growth Tax Relief Act of 2003 and the highlights of the 2004 Act are explained below.

Child Tax Credit The child credit is available to taxpayers who have one or more qualifying children under the age of 17 at the close of the calendar year. The child credit in 2003 was \$1,000 per qualifying child and was scheduled to decrease to \$700 for 2005 through 2008 before the new law was passed. The new law extends the \$1,000 child tax credit for tax years 2005 through 2010. Therefore, under the new law, the child tax credit will remain at \$1,000 until 2010 instead of reverting back to \$700 for 2005 through 2008 as with the 2003 tax act.

Marriage penalty relief in standard deduction The standard deduction for married taxpayers was changed to twice the standard deduction amount for single taxpayers for tax years 2003 and 2004 with the 2003 tax law, which eliminated the marriage penalty for those two years. The Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 extended the standard deduction for married taxpayers to twice the standard deduction for single taxpayers through 2010.

Marriage penalty elimination in 15% tax bracket Under the 2003 tax law, the 15% tax bracket for married taxpayers was increased to twice the single bracket, but that was scheduled to expire at the end of 2004. The new law increases the size of the 15% tax bracket for married taxpayers to twice the size of the single taxpayer bracket for tax years 2005 through 2010.

10% tax bracket extended The 10% tax bracket was scheduled to decrease in 2005 to the first \$6,000 of taxable income for singles, and the first \$12,000 of taxable income for married taxpayers. The new law allows for the 10% tax bracket to remain at 2004 levels through 2010, plus inflation adjustments. Therefore, for tax years through 2010, the 10% bracket applies to the first \$7,000 of taxable income for single taxpayers and to the first \$14,000 of taxable income for married taxpayers.

Bonus Depreciation and section 179 expense For those of you who have a small business, the first-year bonus depreciation was not extended. Therefore, for calendar year taxpayers, the 30% and 50% bonus depreciation, which applies to new equipment purchased with a recovery period of 20 years or less, will expire on December 31, 2004. However, the section 179 expense deduction of \$100,000 on equipment purchases (new or used) was extended through 2007. One change to note regarding the section 179 expense deduction applies to vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight in excess of 6,000 pounds due to the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 signed into law on October 22, 2004. In 2003, a taxpayer was allowed to expense up to \$100,000 on a vehicle purchased in excess of 6,000 pounds. The new law limits the section 179 deduction to \$25,000 for vehicles placed in service after October 22, 2004 with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 6,000 pounds.





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**UNDERSTANDING WOMEN
(A MAN'S PERSPECTIVE)**

I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root, and still be afraid of a spider.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?" The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says....."HEBREWS"

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends on the chick he marries.

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment, only when the interest is kept up.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.
At age 12 success is . . . having friends.
At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.
At age 35 success is . . . having money.
At age 50 success is . . . having money.
At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.
At age 75 success is . . . having friends.
At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.

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Sweet Potato Casserole

A delicious alternative to candied sweet potatoes.



3 cups cooked and mashed sweet potatoes
 1 cup white sugar 1/2 cup butter
 1/3 cup evaporated milk 2 eggs, beaten
 1 t. vanilla extract
 1/3 cup butter, melted
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

Directions

1 Mix together sweet potatoes, white sugar, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, milk, eggs, and vanilla. Spread into a greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish.

2 Mix together 1/3 cup melted butter or margarine, pecans, brown sugar, and flour. Spoon on top of sweet potato mixture.

3 Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes.



Signs of Christmas Everywhere

Toy Store: "Ho, ho, ho spoken here."

Bridal boutique: "Marry Christmas."

Outside a church: "The original Christmas Club."

At a department store:
 "Big pre-Christmas sale.

Come in and mangle with the crowd."



A Texas jewelry store: "Diamond tiara's -- \$70,000. Three for \$200,000.

A reducing salon: "24 Shaping Days until Christmas."

In a stationary store: "For the man who has everything... a calendar to remind him when payments are due."

Lion House Wassail

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/4 cups white sugar
 4 cups water
 2 cinnamon sticks
 1 slice fresh ginger root
 4 cups orange juice
 2 cups lemon juice
 8 cups apple juice
 8 whole allspice berries
 1 tablespoon whole cloves

DIRECTIONS:

In a large saucepan, combine sugar and water. Boil for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, and add cinnamon sticks, allspice berries, cloves, and ginger. Cover and let stand in warm place for 1 hour. Strain liquid into a large pot. Just before serving, add juices and cider and quickly bring to boil. Remove from heat and serve.

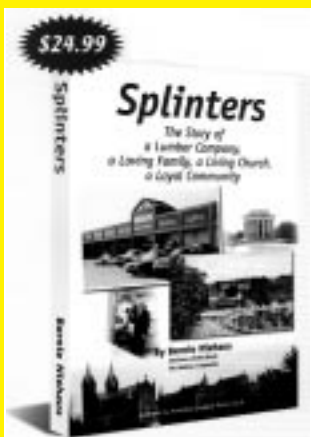
A Sign of the Times

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"



Splinters by Bernie Niehaus



The story of

**a Lumber Company
 a Loving Family
 a Living Church
 a Loyal Community**

Bernie Niehaus, CEO of Niehaus Companies, Inc. has completed his first book based on the compilation of "Splinters" columns - all previously featured in the Niehaus Companies corporate newsletter. The columns, along with a gallery of photos, tells the story of a unique 70 year old family business, a loving family, and old/new community working together to make good things happen, people with vision, and people having fun - doing good, doing well - together.

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