

## Cheese Ball Snowman

- 2 packages (8 ounces *each*) cream cheese, softened
- 1 package (4-1/2 ounces) dried beef, chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green onions
- 1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup dried parsley flakes
- 2 cartons (4 ounces *each*) spreadable cream cheese
- 5 dried cranberries
- 1 baby carrot
- 2 pretzel sticks
- 1 large round cracker
- 4 round butter-flavored crackers

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Stir in the dried beef, onions, horseradish and garlic powder until blended. Shape into two balls, one slightly larger than the other. Roll each in parsley. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight.

On a serving plate, place the smaller cheese ball on top of larger cheese ball, forming a snowman. Set aside 1 teaspoon spreadable cream cheese. Carefully cover snowman with remaining spreadable cream cheese.

Arrange cranberries for eyes and buttons. Insert carrot for nose and pretzel sticks for arms.

Place a small dab of reserved cream cheese on top of large cracker. Top with a butter-flavored cracker. Repeat with three remaining butter-flavored crackers. Place on top of snowman. Serve with crackers. **Yield:** 1 snowman.



## Glenna's family tradition



To represent the wise men following the star of Bethlehem to baby Jesus she hides 24 numbered stars around the house. Beginning December 1st each day the kids get to look for the star representing that day of the month. When they find it she tells them what the Christmas activity of the day is.

**Happy Birthday** to: Sarah Lefotu 12/18  
Christina Talley 12/18 Susan Eyres 1/9  
Jenn Allen 1/21 Jennifer Ullrich 1/26

**Happy Anniversary** to: Tina Crowder 12/19  
Rebecca Dyck 12/31 Carlene Truitt 1/1  
Donna Stevenson 1/16

## Baking Clay

- 1 cup salt
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 4 cups all purpose flour

Stir the salt into the warm water. Add food coloring if desired. Let cool. Add flour and knead for 8-10 minutes. Create figure and bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes to an hour until all moisture is gone. Paint creations when cool. You can also seal the complete work with a non-toxic water based sealer.

## UPCOMING ADVENTURES:

**Dec. 16th: NO MOPS MEETING**

**Jan. 6th:** MOPS meeting at Calvary Bible

**Jan. 8th:** Guys Getaway at Steve and Sue's house.

**Jan. 15th:** MOPS @ night at 7:00-8:30pm at Sue's house.

