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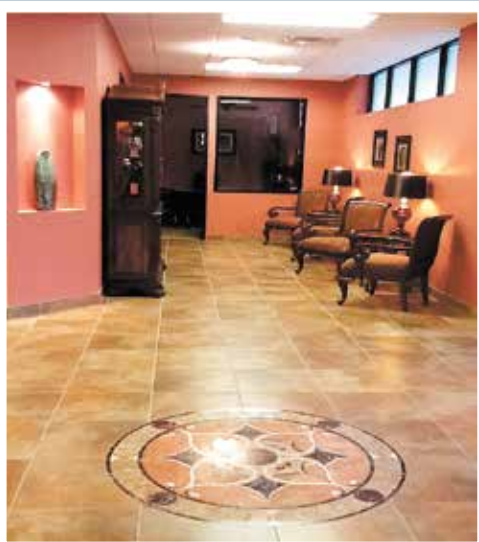
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JANUARY



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Pinal Supervisors postpone lowering impact fees

By James J. Hodl
Copper Area News

A proposed revamping of how Pinal County levies developmental impact fees on new construction will have to wait until early 2016 while the county's Board of Supervisors wrestles with making the fees fairer for senior citizen housing. Such fees are levied to finance road

and infrastructure (including parks) improvements necessary to accommodate increased populations and traffic resulting from the building of new residential homes, and industrial, institutional and commercial construction projects. These fees are paid at the time the building permit is issued.

Under Resolution 120915-DF considered at the December 9 Board meeting, most

impact fees would be lowered in Pinal County, while the fee structure for residential housing would be increased from two to four categories. Instead of separate fees for new homes under and over 1,500 sq. ft., the new categories would be under 1,000 sq. ft., 1,001 to 1,500 sq. ft., 1,501 to 2,100 sq. ft., and over 2,100 sq. ft.

In the four Pinal County Developmental districts, impact fees would rise only in the North Central District (which includes Apache Junction, San Tan Valley and Queen Creek), and not in all construction categories. For instance, in the less than 1,000 sq. ft. residential category, the fee would drop from \$4,462 to \$3,940 but rise in the 1,001/1,500 sq. ft. category from \$4,462 to \$6,532. Fees also would rise in the over 2,100-sq.-ft. residential,

Institutional, Commercial and Other Services categories.

In the South Central, East (including Superior, Kearny, San Manuel, Oracle and Mammoth) and West districts would see all impact lowered from current levels, with non-residential construction fees in the West District dropping by more than \$7,200. An additional fee was levied on construction in the extreme northern part of the East District (including Superior) where there are no arterial roads.

The Resolution was drafted based on a 19-month study conducted by the Tischler-Bise consulting firm. An earlier draft had fees rising more than in the current proposal, especially in the North Central District, where much of the projected population and economic growth in Pinal County during the next

'By charging progressively higher fees for larger homes, aren't you encouraging builders to build smaller homes? We already have enough small housing. We need more variety in Pinal County.'

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Pinal County Board of Supervisors

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to consider special needs for large retiree homes

10 years. But the fee structure was recomputed in the interim following criticism by Supervisor Stephen Miller (R-Casa Grande) that the higher fees would scare off some future construction.

Carson Bise, a managing partner in Tischler-Bise, described the proposed changes in the county impact fee structure during the meeting. Among other tweaks in the fees, Bise noted that the fees designated for road improvements were capped at current levels for single-family homes but boosted for apartment complexes. Fees designated for public safety improvements were decreased 54% for residential construction while increased over 100% for non-residential construction.

The portion of the impact fee going to support the San Tan Substation will increase by \$6 (\$150 to \$156) on residential construction; \$244 on nonresidential construction.

In response to Bise, Supervisor Anthony Smith (R- Maricopa) said he was pleased with what the study proposed, but added, "I have one caveat. There is no proposal for a special exemption process for special projects such as senior citizen housing."

Smith criticized the fee structure for assuming that in all cases, the size of a home determines how many people will live there and how many cars they will own and use on county roads. But in retirement communities, homes larger

than 2,100 sq. ft. are occupied by only one or two elderly people who stay on community property to use the amenities and travel outside less often than a typical family.

This opinion was backed by Peter Gerstmann with Robson Communities, a subdivision development firm.

"In the SaddleBrooke and SaddleBrooke Ranch communities in southeastern Pinal County, home generally larger than 2,100 sq. ft. are occupied by retired people. Average per-home occupancy in these two communities is 1.7 people, not the 5.2 people the study said for a home that size. Impact fees should reflect a home's intended use, not some hypothetical average," said Gerstmann, whose firm is responsible for the Robson Ranch and Quail Trail projects.

Supervisor Pete Rios (D-Dudleyville) wasn't totally buying the argument.

"When you retire, shouldn't you be downsizing instead of upsizing?" he argued, adding that providing a break for large retirement homes will move the cost of the impact fee to smaller homes.

Supervisor Todd House (R-Apache Junction) said he wasn't pleased with the doubling of impact fee categories for residential housing

"By charging progressively higher fees for larger homes, aren't you encouraging builders to build smaller homes? We already have enough small housing. We

need more variety in Pinal County," House said.

House also argued that the trend in levying development impact fees is moving away from tying the fees to square footage. But Bise replied that the study found no evidence of that, adding that if House knew of any counties dropping square footage as a criteria for impact fees he should tell him where.

Spencer Kamps, legislative affairs vice president with the Arizona Home Builders Association (AHBA), also told the Board his group didn't like the impact fee structure proposed in the Resolution.

"AHBA opposes the ordinance as proposed, not because we want lower fees, but because we want fairer fees," Kamps testified. "When you base fees on square footage, you create disparity in housing choice. Likewise when you base road upgrade fees on trip counts. You should let consumers determine the types of housing they want."

Kamps added that infrastructure and safety improvements shouldn't all fall on new construction. Existing residents in the area benefit as well and should share in

the cost.

Gerstmann echoed Kamps that existing residents who benefit from improvements should pay for part of them.

After nearly an hour of debate, Smith proposed that the Board put off consideration of Resolution 120915-DF until it be reworked to consider special exemptions for retirees who want to build large retirement homes. But Rios countered with his own proposal that the Resolution be adopted right away and that tweaks be considered later.

"We've been working on this Resolution for more than 1.5 years. Let's not waste that work. Enact it now because we need it now. We can consider exemptions later," Rios said.

But the Board went along with Smith's proposal and consideration of the Resolution will resume on January 6, 2016.

As the Resolution called for the new impact fee structure to become effective on March 14, 2016; it is assumed that under the 90 day requirement in Pinal County statutes, the effective date will be moved back.



Pinal County is considering a change to impact fees in hopes that it will encourage a larger variety of building.



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Merry Christmas, Arizona

Nine miles north of Winkelman, Arizona are the ruins of the ghost town Christmas. In the springtime the mountain slopes surrounding Christmas are covered with bright orange poppies. The poppies grow in lush fields, in cascades of petals down the rock walls to the Gila River. A geologist once told me that the brightly colored flowers are a botanical indicator of copper in the soil along the old roads leading to the old ghost town. They give a clue as to the mining history of Christmas.

The town nearly had an earlier history and a different name. Dennis O'Brien and Bill Tweed staked and worked mining claims here in 1878. A rival operation was begun in 1882 by Dr. James Douglas. The miners never realized the great potential for profits in their diggings because they ran into legal problems. They discovered the claims were on the San Carlos Indian Reservation and were thus invalid.

The rich copper deposits were left undisturbed until December of 1902 when N. J. Mellor and George Crittenden discovered that the reservation boundaries had recently been redrawn and now excluded the mineral laden area. The two men rushed in and named both the town and the mines for the day of their arrival. So when the first post office was established less than three months later, the town of Christmas, Arizona was officially founded.

The official historical dates of western ghost towns are usually designated by the opening and closing of the United States Post Office. The Christmas post office was closed on March 30, 1935, officially becoming a ghost town. They say that the largest ruins left in Christmas belong to the General Store which used to have the Post Office window inside. During the holiday season, it became the most important place in town as thousands and thousands of parcels, cards, letters, and packages came through the little town to get the distinctive "Christmas" postmark.

The biggest year round industry in town was still copper mining. Located in the Dripping Springs Mountains, Christmas sat on a huge ore deposit. During its heyday, the industry supported as many as 1,000 residents.

From time to time the ownership of the town changes hands. The claims are still occasionally worked and sometimes temporary residents move to Christmas and live alongside the ghosts of past prospectors.

Northeast of Christmas is another place associated with wildflowers and minerals. This special place is also near the banks of Gila River but unlike Christmas, - Peridot



EVERY MAN'S MUSINGS

By Gary Every
Special to the Ledger

Mesa remains well inside the boundaries of the San Carlos Indian Reservation. The mesa is named for what is found here - peridot. Peridot is the gem variety of the mineral olivine and is generally considered the birthstone of August. This bright green gem stone is similar to a much lighter (and inexpensive) version of an emerald.

The countryside surrounding Peridot Mesa does not appear to be rich in copper; there are only scattered poppies blossoming in the springtime. Still, every time I stand atop Peridot Mesa, a big table top of a mountain, my eyes are dazzled by the flowers. Just which flowers depends on which blossoms are in season in Apache country. In the late summer, daisies wave in the breeze. The smiling daisies complement the bright green gemstones glittering in the sunlight. During the spring, seas of blue lupines cover the hills. The lupines roll away in azure waves, reaching all the way to the horizon where the distant purple mountains mark the beginnings of the Mogollon Rim.

It is the rocks which capture ones attention in the end. Peridot is formed when there are lava flows with a crust of green gemstones perched on top, far beneath the surface of the earth. This lava flow pushes upwards from below but never quite reaches the surface. It was this type of internal geological pressure which forced this particular piece of earth to rise and create Peridot Mesa in the first place. Over many millennia, erosion has washed away layer after layer of topsoil, until the ancient lava with its crust of jeweled olivine is revealed.

From atop the crown of Peridot Mesa you see a view as splendid as that of any throne. I have never been able to stand there without feeling awe at the panorama of mountains and blossoms. Beneath your feet the ground

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Queen Creek's Damien Sanchez signed his NLI with Arizona Christian University last Monday at the school.
Andrew Lubberda | Ledger

Queen Creek's Sanchez signs to play soccer at ACU

By Andrew Lubberda
Southeast Valley Ledger

Queen Creek senior soccer player Damian Sanchez signed his National Letter of Intent with Arizona Christian University during a signing event at the school on Dec. 14.

Sanchez, an attacking midfielder for the defending state champions, chose ACU for a couple of reasons, including one that every mother hopes to hear from her college-bound child.

"I liked the small-school environment and it's close to home," Sanchez told the *Ledger*. "I don't think I'd be able to live without my mom."

"It's a great opportunity for me," he added. "Plus my club teammates committed there too."

Sanchez said he intends to study business administration and finance at ACU.

He credits the opportunity to play for Queen Creek, in addition to his club team, for helping him prepare for the next level. He acknowledged the Bulldogs state championship also helped in getting him recognition from college teams. He also thanked his coaches, parents, family, and teammates for assisting him along the way.

Queen Creek head coach Mauricio Ramirez was asked what about Sanchez' game will translate at the next level.

"He is by far one of the best players on the team," Ramirez responded. "He distributes the ball perfectly on the field, he's a team member who helps all the players get better, and overall his character is just awesome. He's a very coachable player, puts a lot of hard effort into his work, and the (ACU) coaching staff is going to love the way he plays."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tyson Berringer

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You didn't play a lot of organized basketball leading up to high school, yet you're averaging nearly a double-double per game – 11 points and nine rebounds – in your first varsity season in addition to more than four blocks per game. To what do you attribute the impressive progress you've made so far?

That is true. Leading up to high school I always focused on baseball. My freshman year is when I really started caring about basketball. Baseball helped me with basketball because it help my hand eye coordination develop; also teammates and coaches teaching me new things to help my game.

The team is off to a good start so far this season; notwithstanding getting robbed in the championship game of the Thanksgiving Classic. What are two reasons for the team's success so far?

For the team's success we have a good and a large variety of players. It also helps when the whole team gels together really well.

What are you most looking forward to during your remaining one-plus years at Poston Butte?

I am looking forward to getting my last year of education and another year playing for PBHS.

Finish this sentence: "My greatest athletic memory so far at PBHS is..."

When I achieved my goal of dunking as a sophomore.

What is your favorite sports movie and why?

My favorite sports movie would have to



Tyson Berringer

be *42* because it shows everything Jackie Robinson went through from the start of his career through the end. It also shows that he cared what people would say about it, but he played his game, silenced the critics, and won over his teammates.

Who is one person you'd most like to meet and why?

One person I would like to meet would probably be Kristaps Porzingis (New York Knicks) because he is a rookie in the NBA. I'd want to ask him how it is being in the league.



Poston Butte's Qujuan Steward puts up a free throw during last Tuesday's game versus Yuma.

Kelli Luberda | Ledger

Broncos beat Criminals like they stole something

By Andrew Luberda
Southeast Valley Ledger

The Poston Butte boys' basketball team showed off its defensive versatility against Yuma last Tuesday night in defeating the Criminals, 57 – 27.

The Broncos shot only 1-for-10 from three-point range in the first half and only 20 percent for the game but still won by 30 points.

"We work hard on defense and it pays off on offense," Broncos senior guard Preston Anderson said after the game. "It just leads to a lot of easy buckets. We had (several) dunks off defensive stops alone."

The game started slowly with the Broncos leading 9 – 4 at the end of the first quarter after a three-point play by senior Qujuan Steward. The Broncos increased their lead during the second quarter, ending it with a 5 – 0 run on a bucket by Anderson and three-pointer at the buzzer by Josh Zaker.

The Broncos held a 25 – 14 lead at halftime.

"We just hustled and did what we had to do," Steward said. "We made layups, made shots, and got to business."

The Broncos opened the second half with a 14 – 5 run, extending their lead to 20 points during the first four minutes of the third quarter that ended with them holding a 47 – 22 lead.

The fourth quarter was highlighted by a pair of dunks by Steward and junior Tyson Berringer before the Broncos' bench did their part in the 30-point win.

Steward led all scorers with 19 points followed by Zaker with 12. Berringer scored eight points on 4-for-5 shooting from the floor.

Steward and Anderson finished with seven and six rebounds, respectively. Junior point guard Kevin Johnson had a team-high five assists in the win.

The victory extended the Broncos' modest winning streak to three games, the last two in very decisive fashion.

Still, head coach Noel Nafziger knows his team is capable of more as it's shown

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Seton Catholic uses third-quarter run to beat Bulldogs

By Andrew Luberda
Southeast Valley Ledger

After trailing at halftime and falling further behind in the first few minutes of the third quarter, Seton Catholic went on a 13 – 6 run to take a 40 – 36 lead to end the quarter before going on to finish off the Bulldogs last Thursday night, 57 – 48.

“It was just that second half spurt,” said Queen Creek senior guard Bradley Woods, who scored a team-high 14 points in the loss. “They came and had a couple runouts on us off turnovers.”

“Missed matchups are what killed us toward the end,” he added. “Turning the ball over, not getting back, and not matching up; we couldn’t climb back.”

Bulldogs’ head coach Troy Gibson echoed Woods’ words almost verbatim.

“They had one spurt on us where they hit some three’s in transition,” he said. “We didn’t get matched up on their shooters.”

The Bulldogs fell behind early, down as many as six points during the first quarter before senior Frigny Niclasse drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to cut the deficit to 15 – 12.

A 7 – 1 run that included three-point plays by Woods and Niclasse in addition to a bucket by Kade Parks allowed Queen Creek to take a 24 – 21 lead at halftime.

The Bulldogs went up by five at the start of the second half before Seton started its run. The Sentinels also benefitted from some poor shooting by Queen Creek.

“It was tough to score and we missed a lot of easy shots,” said Gibson, before crediting Seton’s effort. “(Seton) played good defense – they were in the right spots – but those are shots we can make.”

Queen Creek closed to within 42 – 40 when a basket by Niclasse was waved off after a very questionable charging call. The play proved to be the final turning point as Seton closed out the game with a 15 – 4 run.

“There are always going to be bad (calls),” Woods said after the game. “We can’t let them decide the game.”

Gibson, who did acknowledge “some 50-50” calls didn’t go the Bulldogs’ way, preferred to reserve comment until watching the play on video. He didn’t stop from saying his team didn’t help itself.

“We didn’t help our situation,” he said. “You have to make your own breaks.”

The loss was the Bulldogs’ first in a section that figures to have several teams battling for a state playoff berth.

“Tonight was a tough one,” Gibson said. “We needed that one.”



Queen Creek's Frigny Niclasse puts up a jump shot against the Sentinels during last Thursday's game.

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BRONCOS

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more times than not during a 6 – 2 start to the season.

“It certainly wasn’t our best performance,” he said. “We did a good job defensively for the most part, but we still gave up 8 to 10 points on layups and

they only scored 27. If we take care of that we’re really good.”

Upcoming schedule: Dec. 28 vs. Westwood at Sabino Holiday Tournament (4 p.m.). Other tournament games, times, and locations are TBA.

CHRISTMAS

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is littered with green crystals. It looks as if some helicopter bombed the mesa with broken green glass.

One day I noticed that the top of Peridot Mesa was crawling with ants. Carefully they picked in mazes of green crystals. For those ants it must have been just like living in the Land of Oz; inhabitants of the Emerald City. Towering above the tiny insects I could imagine myself as some sort of wonderful, wonderful wizard.

“Ouch!” I shouted, slapping at my pant leg. One of the ants was biting the king.

The peridot found atop the mesa is of a good gemstone quality. In fact miners are active here; activities overseen by the Apache nation. There is also illegal mining, as rogue prospectors trespass on reservation lands. Sometimes there are even running gun battles between the Apache and prospectors; echoes of the Old West and Mangas Coloradas.

From atop Peridot Mesa you can see forever, but a series of rolling hills and a deep narrow gorge prevent you from seeing the Gila River. You can smell it however. Even during the hottest and driest parts of the summer, the moisture from the river arrives on the breeze and refreshes. The river pays it no mind, the water rushing downstream.

I love to float on the Gila River, and have traveled on the swift current by canoe and inner tube. I prefer the canoe. The stretch of river just below the Coolidge Dam has been protected as a bald eagle nesting site and has been closed to the public. A canoe or a tube can be launched near Drippings Wash and still provide quite a long ride before you reach the park along the shores of Winkelman. I wield my paddle to brake, power, and steer; feeling the weight of the water in my shoulders. The flowers and trees flutter in the breeze while the insects -

butterflies, wasps, and dragonflies, - hover and pirouette. As I float forward, always forward, birds such as crane, egret, mallard, and kingfisher, fly overhead, following the bends in the canyon.

It is hard to believe that in 1846, General Stephen Kearny tried to drag cannons along the shores of this rugged river. General Kearny used tired and frustrated mules to haul the howitzers along these steep canyon walls. From where I sit in the bottom of the canoe, gazing up at the towering rock walls, it seems an impossible task. When Kearny and his weary soldiers, (eager to enter California before the Mexican American War ended without them) reached the confluence of the San Pedro River and the Gila, Kearny came up with a new name for the river. He wanted to call it “Hog River” because of the large number of javelina who lived along the shores. This site would eventually become the town of Winkelman, Arizona.

Sometimes when I drive along the winding stretches of asphalt on State Highway 77, where the road follows the cliffs above the Gila River, and I see the sign announcing the town of Christmas approaching, I will crane my neck and try to spot some of the ruins of the ghost town from the road. And while I have never yet succeeded in seeing the ruins of the general store with the post office window inside, I have also managed to avoid driving off the road, plummeting from the cliffs and into the shallow river far below. I will happily call that result a draw and close this article by wishing a merry Christmas, Arizona to all and to all a good night.

Editor’s Note: Gary Every is a columnist who writes for the Ledger’s sister newspapers, Pinal Nugget and Oracle Towne Crier. We thought our Ledger readers would enjoy this story about a nearby landmark.



Preston Anderson (11) launches a three-pointer against the Criminals.

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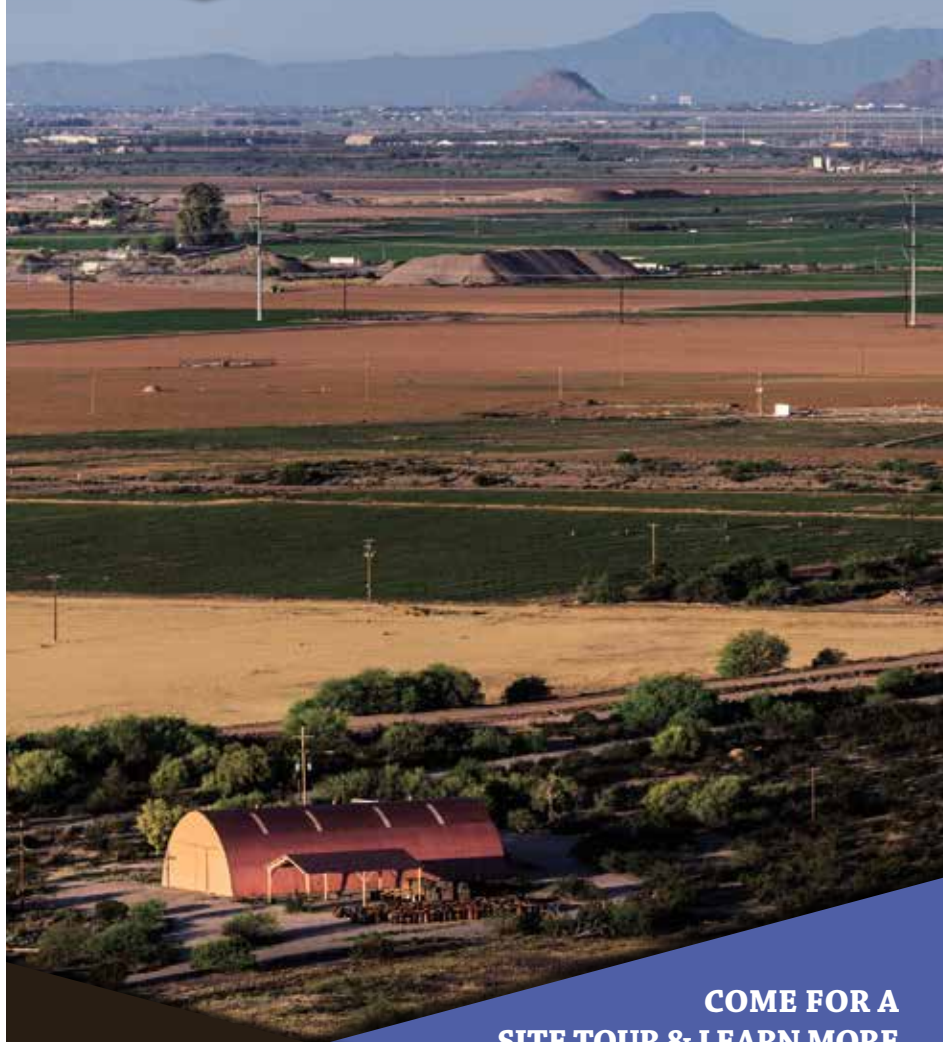


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The Bubbly Hostess Serves a Mini Spinach Lasagna Roll Ups

The hubby and I used to throw a big holiday party the first weekend in December; this went on easily for 15 years. In 2013, I spent the year battling breast cancer and had my first reconstruction surgery on November 1st of that year. Even though I had in my head that we would still have our party, we did not. My dad passed away in early 2014, he loved Christmas and with my mom, attended many of our holiday parties. When the holidays rolled around last year, I still wasn't ready to host it.

This year, I decided to invite a few friends over, along with their kids, and we even got dressed up a little bit. One of the dishes I served was these Mini Spinach Lasagna Roll Ups –they are ideal for kids and adults! We served cocktails and appetizers while the kids decorated cookies, ran around outside, and watched the movie “Elf”. It was perfect. It was our Holiday Party Redux. It will happen again



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Mini Spinach Lasagna Roll Ups

Makes about 48

Recipe courtesy of Girl Who Ate Everything

8 Lasagna noodles, cooked
1 (10 ounce) package Green Giant™ frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
1 (15 ounce) container ricotta cheese
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasonings
1 (15 ounce) can pizza sauce
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
Salt and pepper, if desired
Freshly grated Parmesan cheese, to garnish



Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a medium bowl combine spinach, ricotta, Parmesan cheese, egg, garlic, and Italian seasonings. Add salt and pepper if desired.

Pat noodles dry with a paper towel and lay them on parchment or wax paper. Cut each noodle in half widthwise. Fill each noodle with 2-3 tablespoons of the ricotta mixture, leaving an inch empty on one side of the noodle. Start rolling each noodle up, ending on the side that has one inch empty. This is so that the filling doesn't spill out the end.

Slice each noodle in half with a sharp knife and place roll seam side down in a baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Make sure you have a dish that has a 1-2 inch edge so

you can cover it with foil later and not mess up the rolls. If you like your pasta with crispy edges, no need to cover it.

Place 1 teaspoon of pizza sauce on top of each roll and top each with a teaspoon of mozzarella.

Cover baking dish tightly with foil and bake for 18-20 minutes or until cheese is melted inside. Serve with warm pizza sauce for dipping.

Freezer instructions: Prepare as directed above but freeze right before baking. Reheat by baking for 25-30 minutes at 350°F. Or for a quick snack, freeze after baked and pop one in the microwave any time you want a little bite!