



# Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato Brushetta

8-10 slices bacon, crispy cooked and crumbled
3-4 Roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped (about 1 1/3 cup)
1 cup chopped leafy green lettuce
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
Approximately 1/3 cup olive oil
1/2 package (16-oz.) twin French bread loaves, cut in 1/4-inch slices
1/3 cup favorite crumble cheese, blue cheese or feta (optional)

In medium bowl, stir together all topping ingredients; set aside. Brush olive oil on both sides of bread slices; place on baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees F., turning once, for 7 minutes per side or until crisp and golden brown; cool. Speen about 1



It's time to sit back and breath a sigh of relief. The kids are back in school, and although it's still warm, you can feel a hint of fall in the air. And for the guys -- whether your blood runs Tiger blue, red and blue or orange -- it's the ultimate time of year. The college football season has begun.

This month, we honor the pigskin by offering pigskins -- or at least a couple of great pork recipes that are perfect for tailgating. And since the temperatures are finally on the way down, it's a great time to begin those remodeling projects. To help you get started, we've included some remodeling trends for this fall.

tablespoon topping on each toast round.\*

Makes about 24 appetizers.

#### **Ham Ball**

2 4.5 ounce cans deviled ham 3 tablespoons chopped stuffed green olives

1 tablespoon dijon mustard
Tabasco sauce to taste
1 3-oz package cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons milk

Blend deviled ham, olives, mustard and tabasco. Form in ball on serving dish; chill.Combine cream cheese and milk; frost ball with mixture. Chill and remove from refrigerator 15 minutes before serving.

Garnish with parsley. Serve with assorted crackers.

### **Meet Nathan's Grandparents**



Walter and Evelyn "Tiny" Harmeier

**Fondest Memory:** Going to the lake, skiing, tubing and camping

**Best Lessons:** Family is everything; you don't need a whole lot to enjoy life

**Favorite Quote:** "Whatever you put on your plate, you're going to eat!"

**Grandma's Biggest Strengths:** Bedtime stories and praying together

**Grandpa's Biggest Strengths:** Very good at discipline and always willing to help

**Life's Devotions:** Kids, grandkids, happiness, family, church and giving to others

In Loving Memory of Sue and Thomas Barksdale

Fondest Memory: Cookouts, family time

# They're Just Grand

You gotta love them. Grandparents provide unconditional love, lots of laughter, and most imporantly that special bond with their children's children. This month, our country celebrates these wise and wonderful people Sept. 13 on National Grandparents Day. And you can, too. The following links are filled with gift ideas for the



Papaws and Nannas of the world, plus crafts your little ones can make to show their grandparents how much they care.

kaboose.com/grandparents-day

memorablegifts.com

Best-Gifts-for-Grandparents

dltk-kids.com/crafts/grandparents



### **Renovation Station**

Remodeling a room in your home may cost a bit of money, but it also can make a lot of moola, too -- if what you are renovating is the kitchen or bath.

According to the National Kitchen and

Batch Association, these two rooms account for 55 percent of the decision making process for home buyers. If they look good, you'll add value to your house, whether you want to put it on the market or keep it for years and years. To keep up with the latest designing trends, take a look below.

#### **Cabinets**

Everything old is new again. Upscale traditional looks still reign supreme. We're talking cherry and maple with onlays and moldings. However, contemporary looks, like brushed steel hardware and environmentally friendly lighter woods, are quickly gaining in popularity, too.

#### Color

The key word for color this fall is, well, color. Vibrant reds and yellows, plus deep browns and blues, are showing up in homes across the nation. Textured finishes are in demand, too.

#### Countertops

Contemporary has grabbed a following in the countertop arena, too, which means stainless steel. And following the green trend, natural stone, like granite, marble and limestone, is popular.

### Lending a Hand

One of the main goals of Above and Beyond Electric Company, besides providing you with the best electrical service in the country, is giving

**Best Lessons:** There are times to be serious and times to have fun

Favorite quote: "Hey Baby! How you doing?"

**Grandma's Biggest Strengths:** Discipline and encouraging us to do better

Peepaw's Biggest Strengths: Giving hugs and making everyone feel good

**Life's Devotions:** Kids, grandkids, happiness, family, church and giving to others

back to our community. Several times a year, our president, Nathan Harmeier, and staff volunteer to deliver Meals on Wheels to elderly residents. We are also in the midsts of a canned food drive for MIFA. Every customer who donates five canned goods receives \$25 off his/her service call.

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