January 9th, 2017

**FREE**

**Minburn Moments**

Formerly the Pinhook Page

Yield: 8-10 servings

**Slow Cooker Potato Soup**

This Slow Cooker Potato Soup recipe is thick and creamy (without using heavy cream),

wonderfully flavorful, and made extra easy in the slow cooker!

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 4 hours 10 mins

Total Time: 4 hours 20 mins

**Ingredients:**

6 slices cooked bacon\*, diced

3-4 cups good-quality chicken or vegetable stock

2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes\*\*, peeled (if desired) and diced

1 medium white or yellow onion, peeled and diced

4 tablespoons bacon grease\* (or butter)

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1 (12-ounce) can 2% evaporated milk

1 cup shredded reduced-fat sharp cheddar cheese

1/2 cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt or low-fat sour cream

1 teaspoon Kosher salt, or more to taste

1/2 teaspoon freshly-cracked black pepper

optional toppings: thinly-sliced green onions or chives,

extra shredded cheese, extra bacon, sour cream

**Directions:**

Add bacon, **3 cups** chicken stock, potatoes and onion to the bowl of a [large slow cooker](http://rstyle.me/n/bqt59ass9n), and stir to combine.  Cook on low for 6-8 hours **or** on high for 3-4 hours, or until the potatoes are completely tender and cooked through.

1. Once the soup has slow cooked and is about ready to serve, cook the butter in a small saucepan on the stove over medium-high heat until it has melted.  Whisk in the flour until it is completely combined, and then cook for 1 minute, stirring occasionally.  Gradually add in the evaporated milk while whisking it together with the flour mixture, and continue whisking until the mixture is completely smooth.  Let the mixture continue cooking until it reaches a simmer, stirring occasionally, and then it should get *really thick*.
2. Immediately pour the milk mixture into the slow cooker with the potatoes, and stir until combined.  Add in the cheddar cheese, Greek yogurt (or sour cream), salt and pepper, and stir until combined.  If you would like the soup to be even thicker, you can use a potato masher or a large spoon to mash about half of the potatoes (while the soup is still in the slow cooker) to thicken the soup up.  If you would like the soup to be thinner, add in an extra 1-2 cups of warmed chicken or vegetable stock.  Stir to combine, then taste and add more salt and pepper if needed.
3. Serve warm, garnished with desired toppings.  Or transfer to a sealed container and refrigerate for up to 3 days.  (This recipe will not freeze well.)

Community

Calendar

JANUARY

1st- Happy New Year

2nd- Library & City Hall will be closed

January 2nd

4th- Craft Club

Minburn Legion Hall

7pm

5th- Library Board Meeting 6:30 -Library

6th- Friday Fundays 10am-NOON

Minburn Elementary Gym

13th- Friday Fundays 10am-NOON

Minburn Elementary

Gym

ADM NO SCHOOL

14th- Washington Township Soup Supper

5-7pm Free Will

Auction at 6:15

16th- ADM NO SCHOOL

17th - Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting

6pm Eat 7pm Meeting Nineteen14

20th- Friday Fundays 10am-NOON

Minburn Elementary Gym

27th- Friday Fundays 10am-NOON

Minburn Elementary Gym

Minburn

American Legion

Annual Stag Supper

February 4th, 2017

Washington Township

Soup Supper

& Auction

Corner of F31 &P58

Corn Patch Soup

& others

January 14th, 2017

Supper 5:00-7:00pm

Pie Auction 6:15

Wednesday Club

5:45-7:15pm

Starting January 18th

Minburn Methodist Church

Meal provided

Area Churches

**United Methodist**

**Church**

Wednesday Club

Wednesday's

5:30-7:15pm

Church Service 11am

**Washington Chapel Church of Christ**

Sunday School 9:30am

Church 10:30am



Saturday Morning

blood pressure checks are being postponed until further notice. Please stay tuned to see when they are being started again!

# Have something to announce or advertise? How about something to sell? Put it on the Minburn Moments page!

# Contact Nicole at The Minburn Library call

# 515-677-2712 , email minburnlib@minburncomm.net or stop by I would be glad to add it in the next issue. Currently bi-monthly production.

City Hall Hours

Mon,Tue,Thur,Fri-

8am- Noon, 1-5pm

Wednesdays- Closed

Sat and Sun - Closed

515-677-2245

No School Friday the 13th

We will be playing some organized games at

Friday Funday's

10:00am-Noon at the

Minburn Elementary Gym

**Library** hours

Monday-12-5:30pm

Tuesday- 12-5:30pm

Wednesday- Closed

Thursday- 12-5:30pm

Friday- 12-6pm

Saturday- 9am-Noon

Minburn Public Library

is looking for used video game donations.

With the weather changing the demand for

video games is up

Friday Funday's

Preschool Playtime has a new look! We will be starting story time back up during the week soon and opening up Preschool Playtime to all ages.

Every Friday

10am-Noon

Minburn Elementary Gym

feel free to bring, ride on toys, balls, and other smaller toys to play with.

Friends of the Minburn Library Membership Drive Meeting

January 17th 7pm

at Nineteen14

those who wish to eat are meeting at 6pm, with meeting starting at 7.

Looking for a fun way to support your community?...

Join the Friends!

The Friends of the Library help raise funds so we can have new things or plan events that our budget wouldn't normally allow. For more information about the Friends please call 677-2712 or email library @ minburnlibrary.com

*Craft Club*

*February 1st*

*7:00pm*

*Minburn Legion Hall*

*make the craft provided or bring your own.*

*Supplies will be provided*

*No Charge*

LEGO Club

LEGO Club is taking the month of January off.

We will see you February 2nd!

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Minburn Public Library's Board of Trustee's is looking to fill a spot on the library board. If you are interested please contact the library at 515-677-2712 or library@ minburnlibrary.com

**Book Club**

**Discussion**

January 17th

**11:00am @ the Library**

**Caleb's Crossing**

**By: Geraldine Brooks**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Wacky Wednesday**

**February 1st, 2017**

**Join us for games and fun at the Minburn Legion Hall**

**2:00-4:00**

**snack provided**

Stay Tuned to this newsletter and our website...

**www.minburnlibrary.weebly.com**

so you don't miss out on the upcoming events here at Minburn Public Library!

Reading

Rules



No school - January 13th

January 16th



Library News!