

Strawberry Pie

After I showed you this picture of the strawberry pies that Kelli and I made when Ragbrai (the bicycle tour across Iowa) through, I got a few questions.

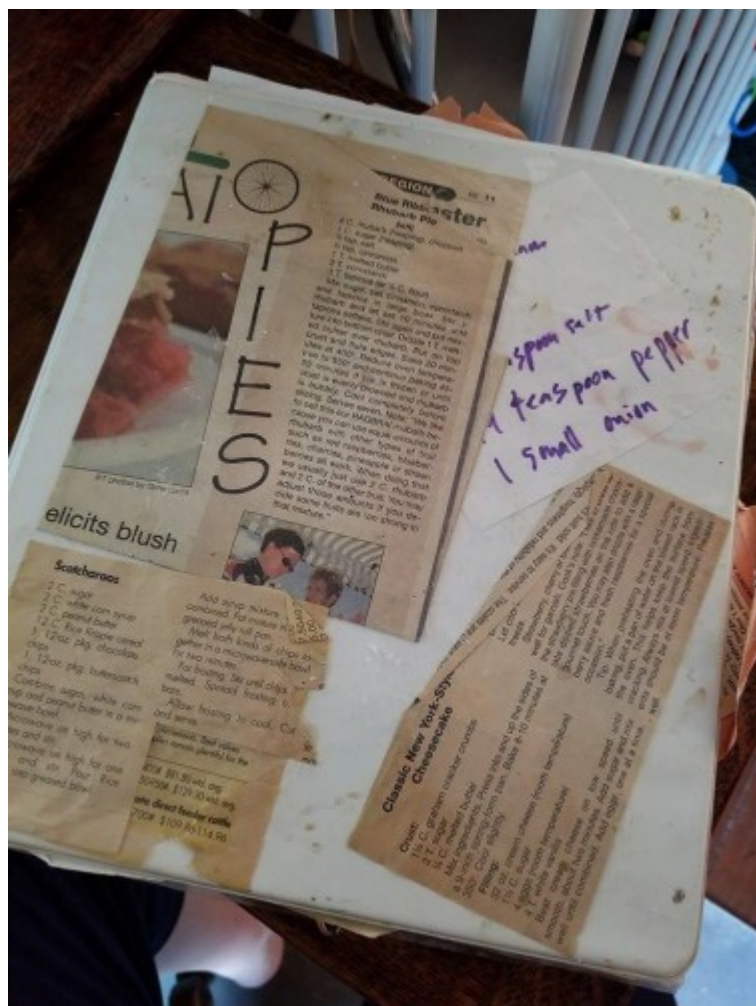


One comment was that the person had never heard of a baked strawberry pie. Most pies that are strawberry usually are not baked. There are glazed strawberry and also jello strawberry pies. For us, we did baked strawberry and I think it's really good.

Another reader asked for the recipe.

This is my recipe. Long ago I used to clip recipes out of the newspaper Iowa Farmer Today. They always had awesome recipes. At the time I clipped it I was really trying to learn to make

pie. I kept all the recipes in a three ring binder. This particular recipe got used so much I started keeping it in the outer clear sleeve and that's where it has stayed.



Well the ironic thing about the recipe is that the magazine was doing a spread on a lady who makes pies for Ragbrai...and this is the recipe I used to make pie for Ragbrai this year.



Here's a close up of the recipe. It says Rhubarb pie but I substitute any and everything with it. I've made it with pears...blueberries...half of one fruit and half of another. It turns out every time. Sometimes I leave out the cinnamon. In this case for strawberry pie I did leave it out.

RAGBRAI PIES



'Best pie on the ride' accolade elicits blush

By Gene Leake
Area Editor
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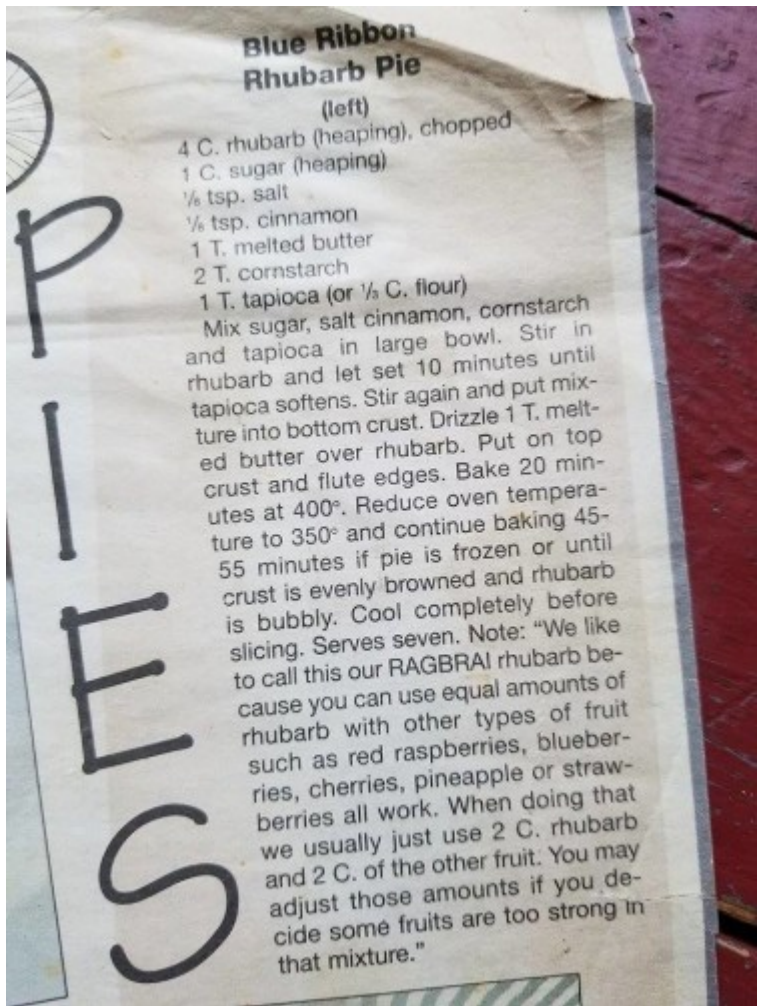
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Mary Baker, right, talks with Florida resident Sara Rouse as Rouse enjoys a slice of Blue Ribbon Rhubarb Pie.

Never-Fail Meringue

1 T. cornstarch
4 T. sugar
1 C. water
1 pinch of salt
4 egg whites
1 pinch of cream of tartar
 Mix cornstarch, sugar, water and salt. Cook until thick and clear. Cook Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until stiff and white. Add to meringue mixture. Fold over filling for the coconut cream pie. See pie recipe, page 54.



Baked strawberry pie is really good so if you haven't, give it a try. We all like it at our house.