

Westport Area Business Association

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November / December 2025



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Hamilton Wright Mabie*

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Stone's Family Restaurant 812-591-2435

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Ellis Gas & Oil 812 346-2340 or 812-592-9837

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Sand Creek Trustee, Dan Wenning 812-591-2037

Westport Library 812-591-2330

Westport Post Office 812-591-3310

Westport Town Hall 812-591-3500

Westport Town Marshal 812-591-2651

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Kova Farm Supply 812-591-2987

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HEALTHCARE

Decatur County Memorial Hospital &

Westport Clinic 812-591-3452

Clear Choice Hearing 812-591-6164

Our Hospice Palliative Care 812-314-8083

HEATING & COOLING & ELECTRICAL

Milburn Mechanical Services 812-614-3661

Louden Heating & Air 812-614-3565

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State Farm: Dana Witkemper 812-662-8855

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RECYCLING

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RENTALS

Bell Rental Properties 812-614-2110

SCHOOLS

South Decatur Elementary School 812-591-3115

South Decatur High School 812-591-3330

TAX SERVICE

Laurel Fry 812-525-1024

Roscoe's Tax Service 812-591-3775

THRIFT STORE

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VENUES

Venue on Three 812-651-8105

WATER HAULING

Clayton Carder 812-614-9100

Ron Oliver 812-498-1798

WEB DEVELOPMENT

Silent3Partners 812-603-2097

Banoffee Pie

INGREDIENTS

For the base and sides

- 75g/2½oz butter
- 300g/10½oz chocolate oat biscuits

For the filling

- 115g/4oz butter
- 115g/4oz soft dark brown sugar
- 397g/14oz can sweetened condensed milk

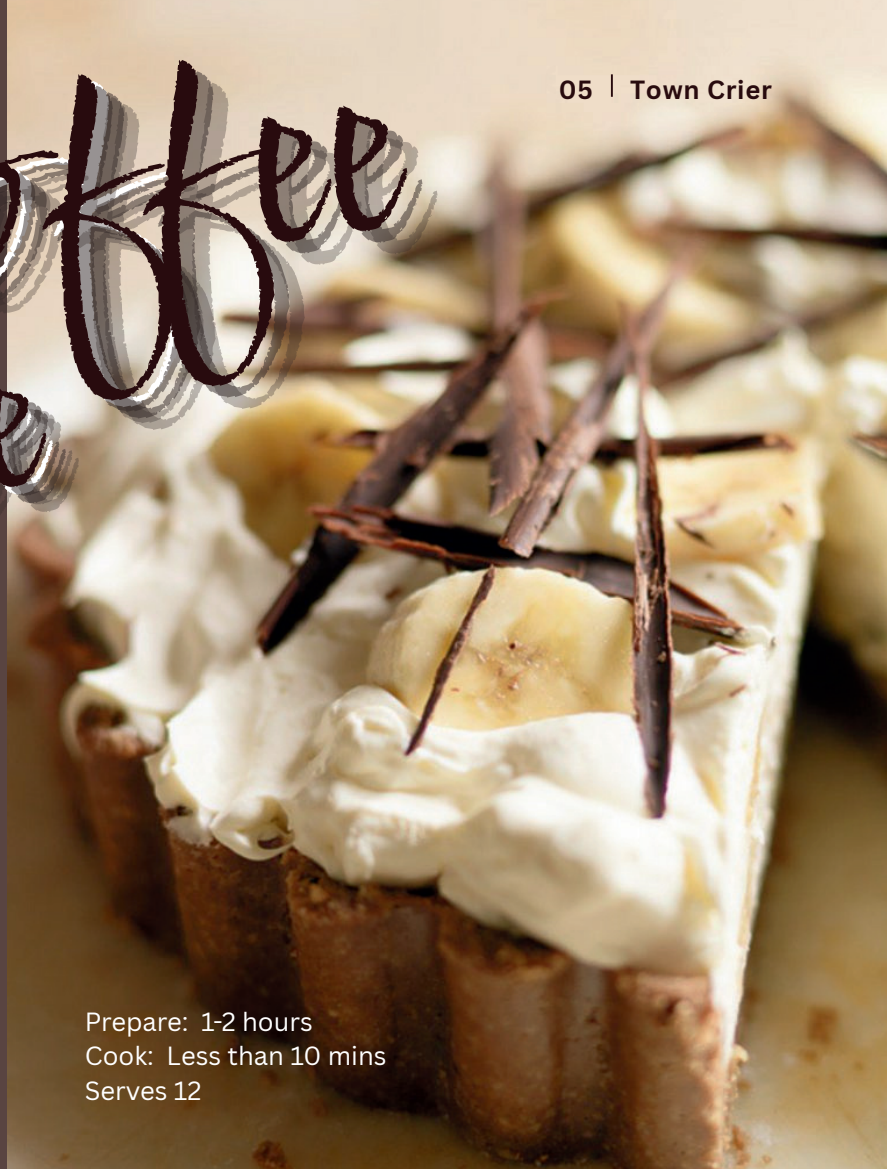
For the topping

- 450ml/16fl oz double cream
- 5 ripe but firm bananas
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 25g/1oz coarsely grated plain chocolate or chocolate curls

Prepare: 1-2 hours
Cook: Less than 10 mins
Serves 12

INSTRUCTIONS

1. To make the base, melt the butter in a small saucepan. Break the biscuits into chunky pieces and put in a food processor. Blend into crumbs, then add the melted butter and, with the motor running, blend well. Alternatively, put the biscuits in a strong polythene food bag and bash with a rolling pin. Tip into a bowl and stir in the melted butter.
2. Tip the crumbs into the centre of a deep, 23cm/9in fluted loose-based tart tin or quiche dish and press firmly into the base and sides. Make sure it is evenly distributed, especially where the base meets the sides. Cover and chill in the fridge for 30 minutes, or until set.
3. To make the filling, melt the butter in a medium saucepan, then stir in the sugar. Cook over a low heat, stirring constantly, until the butter and sugar look smooth and no oil floats to the surface. Add the condensed milk and bring to a gentle simmer, stirring constantly. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring, until the mixture turns a deep, creamy caramel brown.
4. Pour the toffee gently onto the biscuit base and quickly smooth the surface. Leave to chill for 1 hour (or up to 8 hours).
5. Just before serving, lightly whip the cream in a bowl. It should stand in soft peaks, any thicker and it will look over-whipped when mixed with the bananas. Peel and diagonally slice four bananas and scatter half of them over the toffee. Fold the rest lightly into the cream and spoon gently on top.
6. Peel and slice the remaining banana and put it in a bowl. Pour the lemon juice over and gently toss (this will stop the banana turning brown). Decorate the top with the lemony banana, poking into the cream randomly, and sprinkle the pie with grated chocolate or decorate with chocolate curls. Serve in fairly thin slices as it is very rich.



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by Tami Wenning

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Most people of a certain age and beyond know where that line comes from. I memorized "The Night before Christmas" a long, long time ago. But, that line reminds me of how fast this time of the year comes around. Just like clockwork, it always gets here and yet, I'm still surprised when I realize it has rolled around.

I remember when we were kids that we would get Sears or other big-store catalogs about this time of year. We would go through the toy section over and over. Pages would get marked or torn out. Lists were made and then re-made. In the long run, it seemed Santa knew what we needed better than we did. Our parents always said we should ask for surprises.

As a child, I didn't realize what a struggle it was for my parents. I didn't realize that we didn't have a lot because we were always happy with what we had. We never went hungry but as I grew older, I realized that we got by because my parents worked hard and were very skilled at making things last. Again, we were young and we didn't know that the way we lived wasn't the way everyone else lived. It was just life. I'm not trying to tell a sad story for sympathy. More like, a story that makes you realize that you have so much more than you think you do and way more than you probably need. To this day, my dad will give away anything that he has if he thinks someone else needs it. I didn't quite understand that when I was young.

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I remember talking to my mom once I was a married mom with kids of my own. I always wanted to re-create the good things that I remembered from our childhood. I was talking to her about the most "magical" Christmas Eve that I could remember. I would have been five years old, I think. My parents had sold everything and moved to Florida in the summer of 1969. But, missing hometown roots and not finding the expected work experience in Florida, we were back in Indiana by the end of the summer. We were staying in a big country home owned by our great uncle. It was really cold and drafty so we didn't use the upstairs. The colder the winter got, the fewer rooms we used so we could economically heat the "lived-in" area.

So, I remember waking up early that Christmas morning to a trail of toys leading around the corner to the Christmas tree. The tree always stayed lit all night on Christmas Eve and the icicles sparkled on it. There seemed to be so much under there but the magic of the tree being lit in the dark room with the lights and the icicles illuminating the line of toys from our bed to the tree was just perfect. It was so cold that me, my brother and little sister shared a bed. (Charlie, you weren't born yet!) When I shared that memory with my mom, she got the oddest look on her face. Then she told me that she had been so embarrassed because that year, she had gotten help from the Cheer Fund because they didn't have enough money to buy Christmas, groceries and pay the bills. She said she had always felt bad about having to do that and worried that we didn't have a great Christmas so she was pleasantly surprised to find out that I remembered it as one of the most magical Christmases ever. There were many others but that was my first memory and I can still remember the feeling today. That is the feeling I always tried to create for my own family. Fast-forwarding to when Danny and I moved into our home 38 years ago. He had left the family farm and was working construction at first, driving some Amish friends to Indy every day for very long days. I worked in Greensburg. We got married young and didn't have a lot of money and when you have children, you have even less money.

by Tami Wenning (Continued)

But, we managed to do what we needed to always provide for our little family. I remember one year, I had tried to get special Christmas gifts on a budget and it seemed that everyone was happy on Christmas morning and the remaining Christmas vacation. But, when my son came back home after the first day back of grade school, he was sad. Someone at school told him that what he got wasn't very good. Well, I really wanted to go to school and poke that kid right in the nose but I didn't. Instead, even though my mommy heart was sort of broken, I reminded him that he had been happy when he opened his gifts, hadn't he? He said yes. I asked him if he wanted to get rid of them and get something different. He said no. So, I asked why he was letting someone else ruin his happiness because they didn't think what he got was "all that great". He decided to be happy with what he had gotten. We should all do the same. Looking at what others have and thinking that it makes their lives perfect is really not a healthy way of living. Money doesn't make people happy. Having people that you love and that love you is really the best gift there is. So, as Thanksgiving quickly arrives, remember to be happy with what you have, share what you can and be grateful for the little things in life. No sooner will the Thanksgiving leftovers be history than it will be time for sharing Christmas carols and family get-togethers. Don't be afraid to reach out if you need extra help because that is why I give to the Cheer Fund. I know that it helped when I was a child and I like to think that maybe the beauty of the season will extend to another little child on Christmas morning. Oh, just an FYI... you can really make Christmas special by attending church and finding out why we celebrate. I'll save you a seat!

Peace and love, Tami

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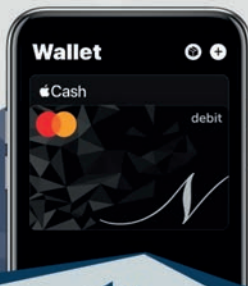
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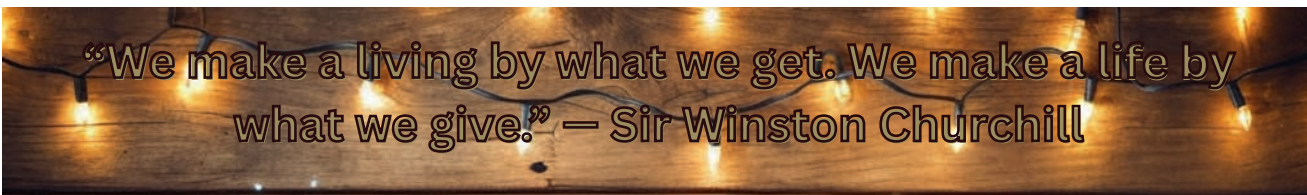


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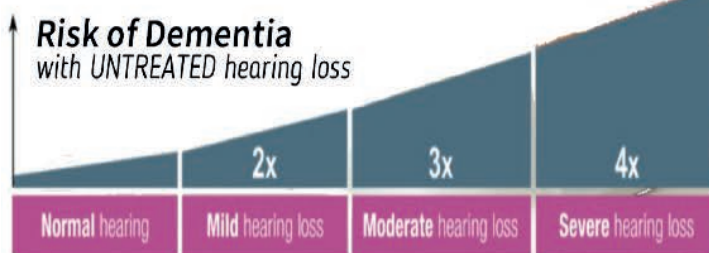
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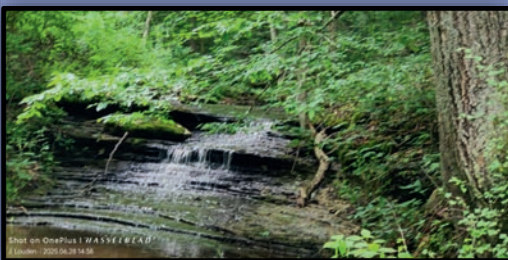
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Land Breakdown:

- **Homesite:** 1 acre **Ponds:** 7.94 acres
- **Woodland:** 119.05 acres **Tillable:** 27.30 acres
- **Non-tillable:** 40.99 acres **Farm Buildings:** 2.16 acres
- **Road Frontage:** 2.93 acres

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2	3 Main Street Westport 6 PM @ Comm Bldg Food Pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P - 7P	4	5	6 Fall Musical @ SDHS 7 PM Kiwanis - 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg	7 Fall Musical @ SDHS 7 PM	8 Fall Musical @ SDHS 7 PM The Westport Swap 9A - 2P @ Methodist Church on Hwy3
9	10 Westport Town Council 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg Food Pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P - 7P	11 	12	13 Career Fair SDHS Gym/Parking Lot 9th/10th Grade 8:30A - Noon	14 National Pickle Day 	15
16	17 Food Pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P - 7P	18	19 Business Association 5:30 PM Supper 6:00 PM Meeting @ Comm Bldg	20 Kiwanis - 6:30PM @ Comm Bldg	21	22
23	24 Food Pantry Christian Church 4PM Southern Decatur County Thanksgiving Praise Gathering 7PM Location TBD	25	26	27 	28 	29 Mainstreet Christmas Bazaar Noon - 6P @ Comm Bldg Tree Lighting & Santa visit 6P - 8P @ downtown Gazebo
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Notes

Veterans Day program at Westport Baptist Church Outreach Center 11/11 @ 7PM.
The Westport Orchestra will be playing at the Veterans Day program.
Southern Decatur County Thanksgiving Service will be Monday 11/24 @ 7PM with
location TBD.

November 26-28 Thanksgiving Break Decatur County Community Schools

2025

Westport Area
Community Calendar

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P-7P	2	3	4	5 Bethlehem Lights Drive through light display & live nativity @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp	6 Bethlehem Lights Drive through light display & live nativity @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp
7	8 Westport Town Council 6:30 PM @ Comm Bldg Food pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P - 7P	9	10	11 Holiday Concert SDHS Gym 7PM	12 Bethlehem Lights Drive through light display & live nativity @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp	13 Bethlehem Lights Drive through light display & live nativity @ Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp
14 Children's Live Nativity Scene @ Westport Baptist Church 6-6:30PM	15 Food pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P-7P	16	17	18	19 	20
21	22 Food pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P-7P	23	24 	25 	26 	27
28	29 Food pantry Christian Church 9A - Noon & 4P-7P	30 	31 			

Notes

December 6th - Breakfast with Santa 8:30A - 10A @ Baptist Church Outreach Center
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Decatur County Community Schools - Winter Break 12/22/25 - 1/5/2026



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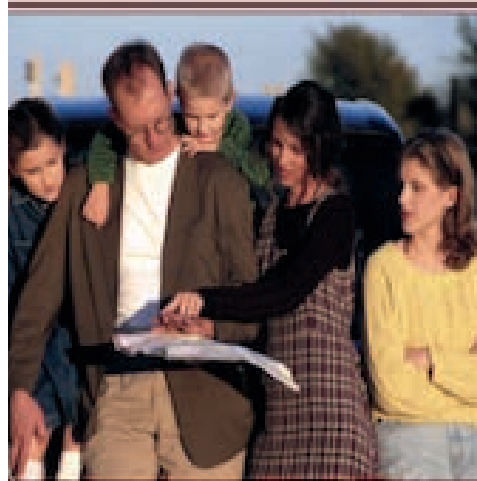
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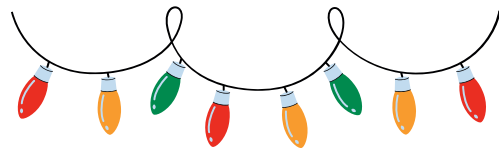
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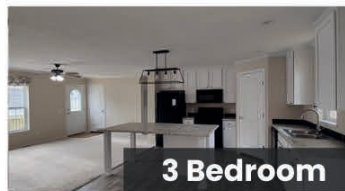
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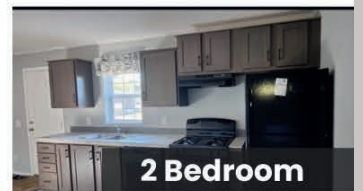
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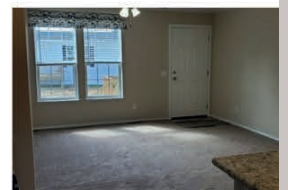
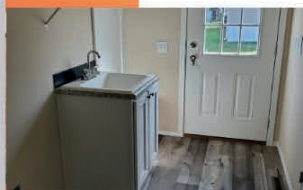
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