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IT'S WHERE YOU WANT TO LIVE



**Back to School -  
Drive Safely!**

**We have many  
children, but  
none to spare!**

*Did you know?*

Taylor County was founded in 1848 and covers 270 square miles. More than 22,000 people live in the county, about half of those in the county seat

of Campbellsville. The area is home to a pleasant mix of agriculture, manufacturing and recreation. One of the area's greatest recreational attractions is Green River Lake, which offers some of the finest fishing and boating in the state!



## Happiness is a Home you Love!

They are our biggest asset, and our sanctuary from the world. If we're lucky, we love them. I'm talking about our homes. In his book, *The Architecture of Happiness*, writer Alain de Botton explores how our homes can affect our moods, making us happy or depressed. The idea that our physical surroundings can actually have a great impact on our well being should come as no surprise. After all, I'm sure we've all experienced elation at seeing a wonderful home, something that just made you feel happy. Whether we are able to live there or not is another matter, but there is no denying that some homes make us feel good, and some just do not appeal to us at all. And each person's tastes differ.

What impacts each of our taste in homes is also diverse. For some, childhood memories may influence the styles of homes, colors and other features they love in a home. For others it isn't as clear why they like what they like. Some people want an open feeling, and are most at home (so to speak) in a place with lots of windows, high ceilings, and even on the upper floors of an apartment with expansive views. But to others this would be completely unpleasant. Some prefer a cozy space, with low hanging lights and lots of little nooks for curling up to read. Some people love the quite of rural areas, or a large yard to work and play in. Others can't stand solitude and want the busyness of the city and people around them. Some hate yard work, and would never use a lawn. We each are truly our own people, and if we are lucky, our homes reflect that and are pleasant, if not elating, spaces for us to live and grow.

What it seems to come down to is beauty, suggests de Botton. If we find a place beautiful it makes us happy. What we find beautiful depends on a multitude of things, but it boils down to something that's personality we just like, if inanimate things can be said to have

personality. And of course, we all want to be happy. This is probably why most people put so much effort and money into decorating their homes.

It's what every seller hopes for when their home is being viewed, that the buyer will

love it and see themselves living there. But no matter how you dress it up, some people will love it and some will hate it. There's no accounting for taste.



But there is plenty to influence taste. Beyond the factors I mentioned above, like childhood experiences and unexplainable, ingrained personality preferences, trends can also influence us. In our society there's a certain pressure to always have the newest of whatever is out there, and it can leave some people feeling like they're always chasing after their dreams. But trends come and go, and while they can be inspiring, what we need in a home is something that makes us feel good all the time. If you are considering buying a home, it's important to consider what your tastes really are. Owning a home is an opportunity, really, to express your true self, to surround yourself with whatever it is that you find beautiful and that makes you happy. Trends come and go, so if you go with your heart when choosing a home and all its furnishings, you are far more likely to enjoy it for years to come than if you follow whatever the latest trends are.



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we make dreams come true!

## Hanging Out in the Neighborhood

You might think that playing outside in your neighborhood is no big deal, but bad things can happen close home. But if you follow these tips from McGruff, you're on your way to staying safe.

- Tell your parents where you are going and when you'll be back. Know your home phone number and address, and your parents' work and cell phone numbers, or write these numbers on a card and carry it with you. That way you can always reach your parents, and they can always reach you.
- With your parents help, choose a safe house where you can go if you need help fast, like if you run into a bully or an unusual stranger. If you get lost or need help RIGHT AWAY, run to the closest store or library and tell an adult.
- Play where you know it's safe. Stay away from empty buildings, alleys, and other places that might be dangerous. When you can, play with friends. You're always safer in a group.
- If anyone, even a friend, offers you drugs or tries to get you to do something you don't want to do, don't do it. Say "no thanks" or "my parents would be so mad." Then make an excuse and get away.
- If you see something that doesn't seem right, like a car you don't recognize driving around your block again and again, tell an adult right away. This way you can help keep your neighborhood safe.
- Remember the rules about strangers: don't talk to them, don't go anywhere with them, and don't take anything from them. If ANY-



THING makes you feel uncomfortable, get away and go to your safe house.

Read how Scruff stays out of trouble in his neighborhood. [www.McGruff.org](http://www.McGruff.org)

## Helping Out in the Community

You and your friends can help out in your neighborhood by taking some few simple steps each day: Ask your teacher if you could help by erasing the blackboard, or if he or she needs help carrying supplies.

- Bake some goodies for the elderly people in your community.
- Offer to rake the lawns of those in your neighborhood who are not able to.
- Ask your parents if they need help around the house. For example, offer to fold the laundry while you watch the television...that way you both win!
- Collect donations for a local shelter or Red Cross office. These are just a few ideas that you can do to help out around your community.
- By helping out, you are saying thanks to all those who make your neighborhood great!

# The Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookie

--- this is way better than Tollhouse in my opinion!

- 11 1/2 ounce(s) 60% Cacao Bittersweet Chocolate Chips
- 2 1/4 cup(s) unsifted flour
- 1 teaspoon(s) baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) teaspoon salt
- 1 cup(s) (2 sticks) butter
- 3/4 cup(s) sugar
- 3/4 cup(s) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoon(s) vanilla
- 1 cup(s) chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

## Directions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Stir flour with baking soda and salt; set aside. In large mixer bowl, cream butter with sugar, brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Gradually blend dry mixture into creamed mixture. Stir in nuts and chocolate chips. Drop 1 tablespoon of dough per cookie onto ungreased cookie sheets.

Bake at 375°F for 9 to 11 minutes or until golden brown.



NOTE – Only use genuine Ghirardelli Chips – they are way better than Nestle, in my opinion and about the same price. We get ours at Wal-Mart or Kroger, so that is easy too.

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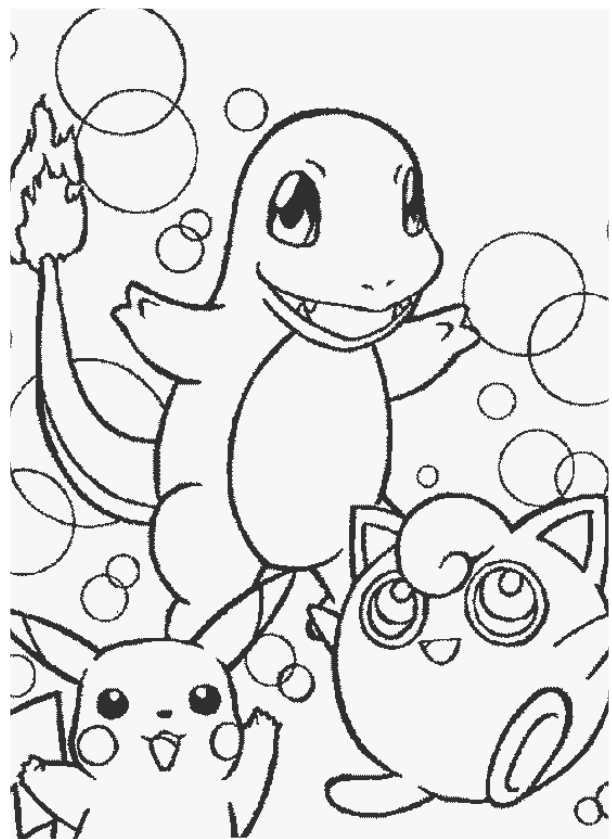
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