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A graphic for 'Movie Night' featuring a large bucket of popcorn with 'MOVIE' written on it, and several blue movie tickets in the foreground.

GAME NIGHT: Any board game or cards will do. If you have a larger crowd, not just two, then you could play several games and then rotate game stations. Since this could be a longer evening I like a large pot of chili on the stove so folks can help themselves all evening. I suggest turkey chili and it can be made on the stove or in a crockpot. Sauté ground turkey meat, add chili seasoning to taste and then green pepper, diced onions and red beans. I like to add a dash of root beer instead of water; it gives it a great flavor. Cornbread made out of the box is perfect.

**CARPET PICNIC:** Nothing is more fun than an indoor carpet picnic, no bugs, no rain, no sun to interrupt you. It can be in the living room, family room, porch or wherever you have a carpet. I suggest you keep the summer theme, even if it is the fall soon, by serving a watermelon salad. You take cut up water melon (Publix always has it), toss with a little fresh lime juice, feta cheese, thinly sliced red onion and Italian parsley. It tastes best after sitting in the juices for an hour but fine if eaten right away. It looks beautiful and tastes divine.



**BINGE WATCH NETFLIX:** This is such a common activity now that I found recipes for binge watching Netflix on the internet. I personally love watching the TV series that I have missed during the year. A favorite of mine is House of Cards. Since binge watching could take three hours, I like to have a large bag of Stacy's chips (plain for me) and a nice soft brie, fig jam and some strawberries. I am suggesting a large cheese, cracker, jam and fruit plate and you select the cheeses and fruit you love best. You can make it very fancy or just serve in a group of paper plates but it will keep you full and entertained.

I love when folks read my column so if you try any of these ideas let me know how they went. Happy snacking.... Sharon

