1½ cups of all-purpose flour ¾ cups of powdered sugar ¼ of a tsp of salt ¾ of a cup of cold butter, cut into 12 pieces 16oz of cream cheese, softened ¾ of a cup of granulated suger 3 eggs ⅓ of a cup of fresh lemon juice ½ tsp of vanilla extract

 1/3 of a cup of sliced, toasted almonds
1 ½ cups of powdered sugar
1 tbsp of milk
2-4 tbsps of fresh lemon juice
9x13in Baking Pan
Medium and Large Mixing Bowl

Pastry Blender

Wire Rack

LEMON CHEESECAKE BARS

MAKES 12

- Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9x13-in baking pan. In a medium bowl, mix flour, powdered sugar, and salt. Use a pastry blender to cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in chopped almonds. Press firmly over prepared pan.
- 2 Bake 15 minutes before topping with cheese mixture. In a large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in lemon juice and vanilla. Pour over baked crust.
- 3 Bake 22-28 minutes, or until firm. Cool in pan on rack to room temperature.
- 4 Prepare glaze by mixing powdered sugar, vanilla and milk in a medium bowl. Add enough lemon juice to make a thick smooth glaze. Sprinkle with sliced almonds. Cover and refrigerate overnight before serving. Do not freeze.