





PORK CHILE VERDE

3 lb pork shoulder, cut into 1-2" cubes Salt and freshly ground pepper 7 Tbsp vegetable oil, divided 1 onion, chopped 5 cloves garlic, minced ½ tsp cumin ½ tsp dried Mexican oregano 2 cups lower sodium chicken broth 4 lb green chiles, roasted, peeled, and chopped 8 tomatillos, roasted, husks removed, and chopped 2 bay leaves ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro ½ cup all-purpose flour

Adjust oven rack to lower middle and preheat to 325.°

Pat pork dry with paper towels and season generously with salt and pepper.

In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, add 1 tablespoon oil. Add half of pork cubes and cook without moving until one side is well-browned, about 4 minutes. Stir pork pieces and continue cooking until browned on most sides. Transfer pork to a large bowl. Add 1 tablespoon oil and repeat process with remaining pork.

In the now-empty Dutch oven over medium heat, add 1 tablespoon oil. Add onion and a pinch of salt; cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, cumin, and oregano; cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add broth, scraping up all the browned bits on pan bottom. Add chiles, tomatillos, bay leaves, and cilantro. Reduce heat to low, cover pot, and let simmer, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, add the remaining 4 tablespoons oil. Add flour and stir constantly until mixture is the color of peanut butter. Remove from heat.

Remove Dutch oven from heat and uncover. While stirring constantly, slowly add flour mixture to chile mixture.

Add pork to Dutch oven, cover, and put in the oven. Cook until pork is tender, about 2½ hours. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper.











PEACH COBBLER

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Butter for greasing

Filling

4 Tbsp sugar 1½ tsp vanilla extract 1 Tbsp cornstarch Pinch of salt 2 lb (3-4) ripe peaches, pitted and cut into eighths 2 Tbsp Frangelico liqueur (optional)

Biscuit Topping

½ cup almond flour 1½ cups all-purpose flour 1/3 cup granulated sugar 1 Tbsp baking powder ½ tsp salt ½ cup (1 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces 1/3 cup cold heavy cream. plus more for brushing ¼ cup cold whole milk Turbinado sugar, for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 400° and butter a 9"x 13" baking dish.

To make the filling, in a large bowl, add sugar, vanilla, cornstarch, and salt, Mix to combine. Add peaches and almond liqueur, if using, and gently toss to combine.

To make the biscuit topping, in a large bowl, add the flours, sugar, baking powder, and salt, and mix to combine. Cut butter into the flour mixture with a pastry cutter or two knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal.

In a small bowl, combine cream and milk and, with a fork, stir it into the flour mixture just until evenly moistened. Don't overwork the dough.

Drop the dough in scant ¼ cups on top of the fruit mixture. Brush the tops of the dough with cream and sprinkle with sanding sugar.

Bake until fruit is bubbling, topping is golden brown, and a toothpick inserted into the center of one biscuit comes out with moist crumbs attached, 40-45 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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Canola oil, for frying 1 cup powdered milk

2 cups warm water 5-6 cups all-purpose flour

1½ tsp salt 8 tsp baking powder

Powdered sugar (optional)

Honey (optional)

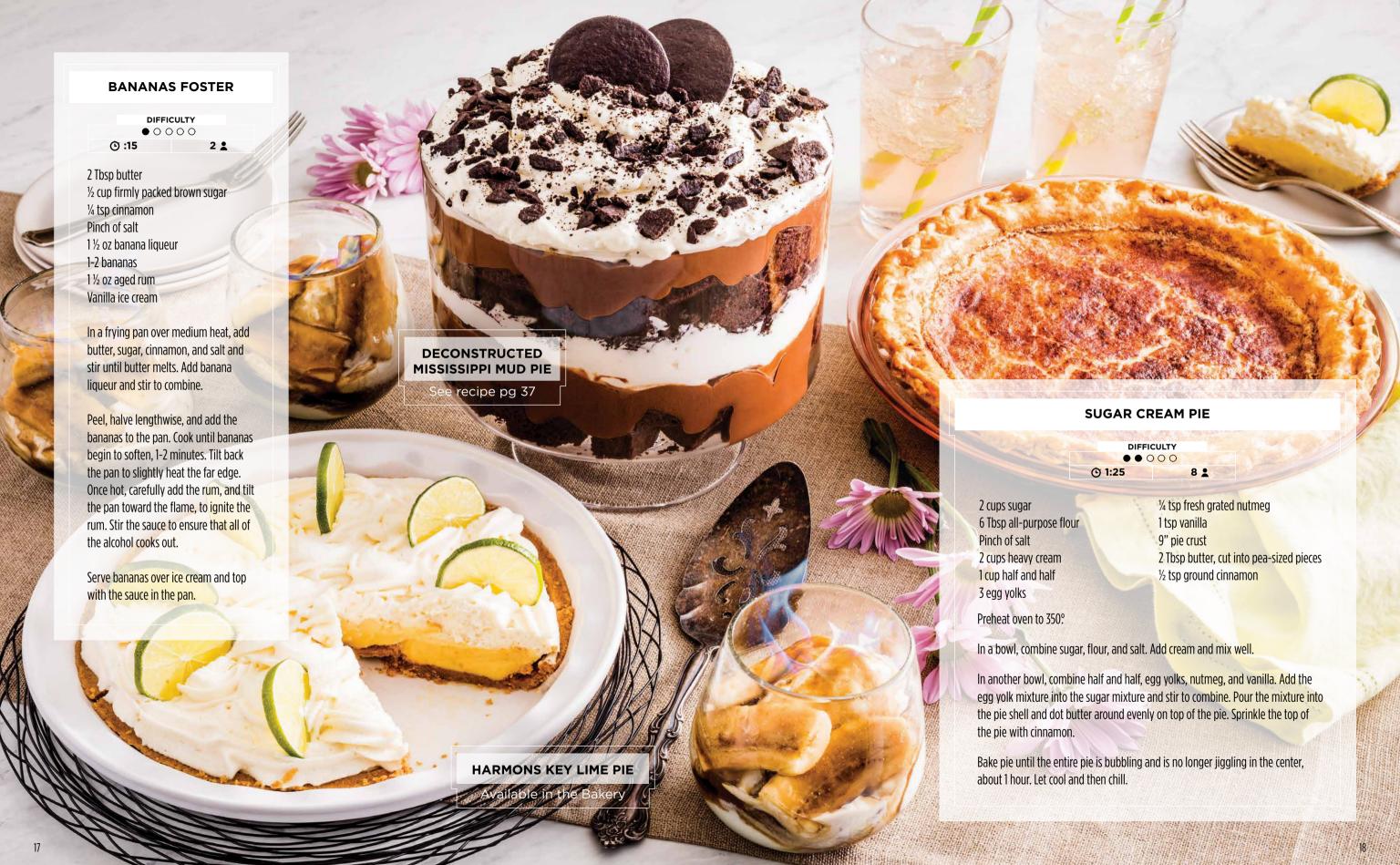
In a large, heavy Dutch oven over medium-high heat, pour 3-4" oil to 375°.

In a bowl, combine the powdered milk and warm water.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the hook attachment, combine the flour, salt, and baking powder. With the mixer on low, slowly add the milk and mix until combined. Cover and set aside.

Divide dough into 2" rounds. Cover dough not in use. Lightly cover a work surface with flour. Using a rolling pin, roll the dough into an oval about 1/8" thick. Fry dough until golden brown on both sides then drain on paper towels. Let cool slightly then sprinkle with powdered sugar or serve with honey.

HARMONS HONEY BUTTER





SUMMER SUCCOTASH

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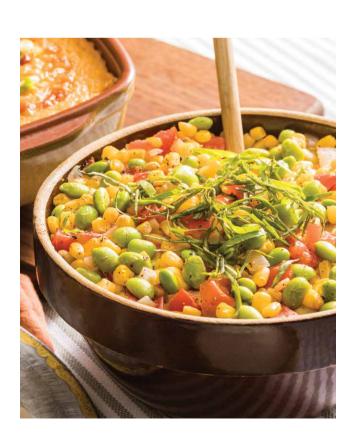
2 Tbsp olive oil
1½ cups chopped onion
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
3 cups chopped red tomatoes

2 ½ cups corn

2 cups frozen edamame, thawed

3 Tbsp thinly sliced fresh basil

In a large frying pan over medium heat, add oil. Add onion and season with salt. Cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add tomatoes, corn, and edamame. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer until corn and edamame are tender and tomatoes are soft, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in basil.



KENTUCKY HOT BROWN

1½ Tbsp butter
1½ Tbsp all-purpose flour
1½ cups milk
Salt and freshly
ground pepper
¼ cup grated Pecorino
Romano cheese,
plus more for garnish
¼ cup grated sharp cheddar
Pinch of ground nutmeg

4 slices Texas toast, crusts trimmed

14 oz thickly sliced roasted
turkey breast
2 Roma tomatoes,
sliced in half
4 slices cooked bacon
Pinch of paprika
Chopped fresh flat-leaf
parsley, for garnish

In a 2 quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add flour and stir to combine. Using a whisk, slowly add milk and continue to cook, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low, add cheeses and nutmeg and stir until combined.

Place 1 slice of toast in an oven-safe dish and cover with half of the turkey. Take 2 halves of Roma tomato and cut 2 toast points and set them alongside base of turkey and toast. Pour half of the sauce over dish, completely covering it. Sprinkle with additional cheese. Place entire dish under a broiler until cheese begins to brown and bubble. Remove and cross 2 pieces of crispy bacon on top. Sprinkle with paprika and parsley and serve.



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MUFFULETTA

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Olive Salad

1½ cups pimiento-stuffed olives
1 cup chopped ripe olives
2 Tbsp capers, drained
3 anchovies, drained
⅓ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1½ Tbsp fresh lemon juice
½ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp dried oregano leaves

Sandwich

1 (8"-10") round loaf artisan bread Sesame seeds 5 oz thinly sliced mortadella 5 oz thinly sliced ham 5 oz thinly sliced Italian salami

5 oz thinly sliced provolone cheese

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with a blade attachment, combine olives, capers, anchovies, olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, garlic, and oregano. Pulse 3-4 times to coarsely chop. Set aside.

To assemble, cut off the top third of the bread loaf. Remove some of the soft inside bread from both the top and the bottom, leaving a 3/4" thick shell.

Brush the inside of the top and bottom bread halves with the excess marinade from the bottom of the olive salad bowl. Stir the olive salad and spoon half onto the bottom round of bread.

Shingle mortadella slices over olive salad. Repeat with ham, salami, and cheese. Spoon remaining olive salad over cheese and top with top round of bread. Wrap sandwich tightly with plastic wrap and aluminum foil and refrigerate, turning occasionally, at least 2 hours or up to overnight. Cut sandwich into wedges before serving.



GREEN BEANS WITH LEMON AND CAPERS



1 lb green beans, trimmed 3 Tbsp olive oil 2 Tbsp capers, coarsely chopped Zest and juice of 1 lemon Salt and freshly ground pepper

In a bowl, combine oil, capers, and lemon juice.

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to boil over high heat. Add beans and cook until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a bowl of ice water. Drain beans and toss with oil-caper mixture. Season with salt and pepper and toss again. Garnish with lemon zest and toss to combine.

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Dough

 $4\,\%$ cups all-purpose flour, divided % cup sugar

2 (.25-oz) packages active dry yeast 1tsp salt

34 cup whole milk

½ cup water

½ cup (1 stick) butter

2 large eggs

Filling

2 Tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 lb lean ground beef (90% lean)
3 cups chopped cabbage
1 tsp seasoned salt
1 tsp garlic powder
½ tsp pepper
Cooking spray

To make the dough, in a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook attachment, add 1¾ cups flour, sugar, and yeast. In a saucepan over medium heat, add the salt, milk, water, and butter. Heat to 110°. Pour over flour mixture. Add the eggs and mix on low speed until blended. Beat 3 minutes on high. Add the remaining 2¾ cups flour and continue to knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place dough in a greased bowl. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.

To make the filling, in a large frying pan over medium heat, add oil. Add onions and cook until beginning to soften, about 5 minutes. Add beef and cook until no longer pink, about 7 minutes. Drain and discard oil. Add the cabbage, salt, garlic powder, and pepper and cook until cabbage is wilted, about 7 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375° and spray 2 baking sheets with cooking spray.

Punch dough down, divide into 12 portions and cover with plastic wrap. Working with one piece at a time, roll into a 6" square. Place ½ cup meat mixture in the center of each square. Fold dough over filling, forming a rectangle. Pinch edges tightly to seal and place on greased baking sheets. Bake until golden brown, 18-20 minutes.





BEEF BRISKET TACO SALAD



Brisket

¼ cup canola oil
2 lb lean beef brisket
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1 cup finely chopped carrot
1 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
5 cloves garlic
2 cups canned tomato puree
¼ tsp ground cumin
¼ tsp dried Mexican oregano
5 fresh thyme sprigs
1 bay leaf
1 (12 oz) bottle light beer

Salsa Salt

5 tomatillos, husks removed 2 cloves garlic 2 jalapeños, stemmed, halved, and seeded 1 small yellow onion, quartered ½ lime, juiced

½ cup fresh cilantro leaves, plus more, finely chopped, for serving
1 head romaine lettuce, finely chopped
1 avocado, halved, pitted, and cut lengthwise into 12 wedges
Finely chopped red onion, for garnish
Cotija cheese, for garnish
Lime wedges, for garnish

8 Harmons Taco Bowls

Preheat oven to 325°

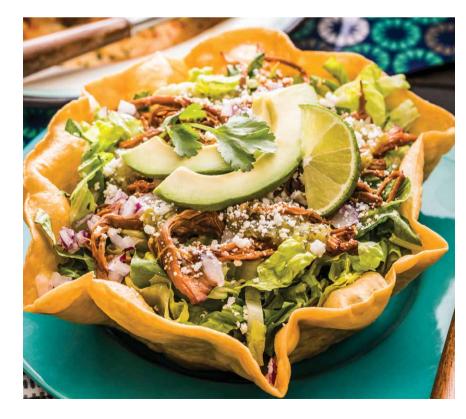
To make the brisket, in a large, heavy
Dutch oven over medium-high heat, add
oil. Season brisket with salt and pepper,
then add to pan, and cook, turning as
needed, until browned all over, about
12 minutes. Transfer brisket to a plate and
return pan to medium heat.

Add carrot, celery, onion, and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Add tomato puree, cumin, oregano, thyme, and bay leaf and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2 minutes. Stir in beer, then return brisket to pot and pour enough water into pot to cover meat and bring it to a boil over high heat. Cover with a lid and cook until brisket is very tender, about 2 ½ hours. Transfer pan to a rack, uncover, and let brisket cool in cooking liquid.

Once cooled, remove brisket from liquid and shred with 2 forks. Pour braising liquid into a blender and puree until smooth. Return liquid to pot over medium heat, stir in shredded brisket, and reheat until warmed through.

Meanwhile, to make the salsa, fill a saucepan over high heat halfway with water. Season with salt and add tomatillos, garlic, jalapeños, and onion and bring to a boil. Let cook 5 minutes, drain and transfer vegetables to a blender. Add cilantro and puree until smooth. Season with salt.

Serve in taco bowls with lettuce, brisket, salsa, avocado, cilantro, red onions, cojita cheese, and lime wedges.



STROMBOLI



Dough

1½ cups warm water
.5 oz active dry yeast
2 tsp sugar
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil,
plus more for bowl and brushing
Pinch of salt
4 cups all-purpose flour,
plus more for work surface

Sauce

2 cloves garlic, finely grated
1 (28 oz) can crushed tomatoes
2 Tbsp olive oil
1½ tsp fine sea salt
Shredded low-moisture mozzarella
Thinly sliced pepperoni, salami,
or capicolla
1 egg, beaten

To make the dough, in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, add water. Sprinkle with yeast and let stand until foamy, about 5 minutes. Add sugar, oil, and salt into yeast mixture and stir to combine. Change to dough hook, add flour and stir until a sticky dough forms. Transfer dough to an oiled bowl and brush top with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and set in a warm place until dough has doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and gently knead 1-2 times before using.

To make the sauce, in a bowl, combine garlic, tomatoes, oil, and salt. Cover and chill 3 hours to let flavors come together before using.

Preheat oven to 500° and sprinkle flour on 2 baking sheets.

Divide dough in half and begin to form, until it's a rough rectangle. Cover the remaining dough. Place dough on the prepared baking sheet and push down from center outwards until evenly thin. Pour 1 cup sauce on dough and spread evenly, leaving a 2" strip at the top of dough rectangle blank.

Cover dough with an even layer of cheese and a thin layer of topping, avoiding 2" strip. Roll dough closest to you toward the blank strip, stopping when you hit the strip. Pull blank strip back towards you, over rolled dough. Pinch to seal folded dough, then tuck the ends of stromboli under. Cut several slits across stromboli to allow for ventilation. Brush top with egg wash and let rest, 15 minutes. Repeat with other half of dough. Bake until brown and cheese is bubbling through slits, 10-15 minutes. Cut into 1" slices.





BACON AND CORN CASSEROLE

¼ cup sour cream

1tsp paprika

2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 lb fresh or frozen corn kernels

4 slices bacon, finely chopped

6 Tbsp butter, cubed

4 cloves garlic, minced

½ cup all-purpose flour

3 cups milk

4 oz cream cheese, cubed

Preheat oven to 375°.

In a heavy saucepan over medium heat, add bacon and cook until browned, about 8 minutes. Add butter and garlic, and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Whisk in milk, increase heat to mediumhigh, bring to a boil and cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add cream cheese, sour cream, cheddar, and paprika and cook until smooth.

Remove from heat, add corn, season with salt and pepper and stir to combine. Transfer mixture to a 9"x 13" baking dish and bake until top is golden brown and bubbling, about 40 minutes.



SWEET TEA



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12 individual tea bags, such as Lipton or Luzianne 1 cup sugar Ice

Fresh mint leaves or lemon slices (optional)

In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring 4 cups of water to boil. Remove from heat. Dunk the tea bags a few times in the water, then leave submerged with the strings hanging over the side of the pot. After 5 minutes, remove the bags and discard. Add sugar to the tea and stir until completely dissolved.

Pour the tea base into the pitcher. If using multiple pitchers, divide the tea evenly between them. Top off the pitchers with water. Add 3 more quarts of water to the tea base to make 1 gallon of sweet tea and stir to combine. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Pour the sweet tea into ice-filled glasses. Serve with mint or lemon, if using.

QUICK PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

Pork

¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar ½ - 1 tsp cayenne pepper Salt and freshly ground pepper 3 lb boneless pork shoulder 1½ cups cider vinegar 4 cloves garlic, minced ½ cup water

Sauce

2 cups cider vinegar
1 ½ cups water
½ cup plus 2 Tbsp ketchup
¼ cup firmly packed brown sugar
5 tsp salt
4 tsp hot red pepper flakes
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp freshly ground white pepper

Cabbage

1 small green cabbage, cored ½ small red cabbage, cored 2 cups Vinegar Sauce Salt

8 Harmons Hamburger Buns, split

Preheat oven to 350° and position racks in lower and upper positions in oven.

In a small bowl, combine sugar, cayenne, 1 tablespoon salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper.

Place pork in a 5 quart Dutch oven or large heavy-bottomed pot. Rub with spice mixture.

In a medium bowl, combine vinegar, garlic, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water and pour over pork. Cover pot, and place in oven on lower rack. Bake until pork is very tender and separates easily when pulled with a fork. 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Transfer pork to a work surface, reserving

pan juices. With 2 forks, shred meat. Transfer to a large bowl, and toss with pan juices to moisten.

To make the sauce, in a saucepan over medium heat, add the vinegar, water, ketchup, brown sugar, salt, hot pepper flakes, and peppers and whisk until sugar and salt are dissolved. Cook for 5 minutes. and let cool.

To make the coleslaw, using a food processor with the grater attachment, chop cabbages into a bowl. Add some of the sauce and season with salt and toss to combine.

Let sit 10 minutes, season and toss again.

Serve pork on buns with sauce and slaw.



MINT JULEP



10 fresh mint leaves, plus more for garnish ½ Tbsp rich simple syrup (2:1 sugar to water) Crushed ice 2 oz good-quality bourbon

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In a julep tin or rocks glass, muddle the mint sprig with simple syrup by gently pressing to release the oils. Pack the glass with finely crushed ice. Pour bourbon over ice, and mound more ice into the top of the glass. Garnish with mint.

JAMBALAYA WITH CHICKEN AND SPICY SAUSAGE

3 Tbsp olive oil

1 (4 lb) chicken, cut into 8 pieces

Salt and freshly ground pepper

 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb andouille sausage or spicy kielbasa, sliced $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick

1 sweet onion, finely chopped

1 poblano chile or jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped

1 medium celery stalk, finely chopped

³/₄ cup corn kernels

1 Tbsp paprika

½ tsp dried oregano, crumbled

2 cups medium-grain rice, such as Arborio

3 cups lower sodium chicken broth

Hot sauce, for serving

In a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat, add oil. Season chicken pieces with salt and pepper. Cook in batches until browned, about 6 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a platter and set aside.

Add sausage to casserole and cook until lightly browned on both sides, 3-4 minutes. Add sausage to platter with chicken. Increase heat to high and add onion, poblano, celery, and corn to casserole. Cook vegetables, stirring frequently, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add paprika and oregano and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, until well coated and just beginning to brown, about 2 minutes.

Nestle chicken and sausage in rice and gently stir in broth, incorporating ingredients on the bottom of the casserole. Bring to a boil over mediumhigh heat and season with salt and pepper. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and cook until broth is absorbed, rice is tender and chicken is cooked through, about 30 minutes. Spoon rice onto a platter, top with chicken pieces and vegetables and serve with hot sauce.



CAESAR SALAD



Dressing

6 anchovy fillets packed in oil, drained 1 clove garlic, smashed Salt and freshly ground pepper

2 large pasteurized egg yolks

2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice, plus more

3/4 tsp Dijon mustard

2 Tbsp olive oil

½ cup vegetable oil

3 Tbsp grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Croutons

3 cups torn 1" pieces country bread, with crusts

3 Tbsp olive oil

Salad

3 romaine hearts, leaves separated Parmigiano-Reggiano

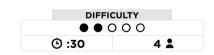


To make the dressing, in a bowl, add anchovies, garlic, and a pinch of salt. Use a fork or butter knife to mash together. Add egg yolks, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, and mustard and whisk to combine. Adding drop by drop to start, gradually whisk in olive oil, then vegetable oil. Whisk until dressing is thick and glossy. Add cheese, season with salt and pepper, and stir to combine.

Preheat oven to 375.º On a rimmed baking sheet add bread with 3 tablespoons olive oil, season with salt and pepper and toss to combine. Bake until golden brown, tossing occasionally, 10-15 minutes.

In a large bowl, add lettuce leaves. Drizzle with dressing and toss to combine. Evenly divide salad between 4 chilled plates. Use a vegetable peeler to make parmesan ribbons to garnish salad. Sprinkle with croutons.

CLAM FRITTERS



Vegetable oil

1½ cups all-purpose flour

1½ tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

2 tsp baking powder

2 eggs, beaten

½ cup milk

1 (6 oz) can minced clams, undrained

¼ cup dried onion flakes Sea salt, for garnish

Lemon wedges, for garnish

In a heavy bottomed pot over medium-high heat, add 2" oil and heat to 325°.

In a bowl, combine all the ingredients. Using a small scoop, drop tablespoonfuls of batter into oil and fry until golden brown, turning once, about 4 minutes.

Transfer to paper towels to drain. Season with salt and serve with lemon wedges.



HAWAIIAN HAYSTACK CHICKEN



2 cups water

1 cup white rice

1 Tbsp canola oil

2 boneless skinless chicken breasts

Salt and freshly ground pepper

4 Tbsp unsalted butter

4 Tbsp all-purpose flour

2 cups lower sodium chicken broth, warmed

¼ tsp garlic salt

¼ cup sour cream

3/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Chopped green onions, for garnish

Sliced black olives, for garnish Halved cherry tomatoes, for garnish

Chow mein noodles, for garnish

In a saucepan over high heat, add water and bring to boil. Add rice, cover, and reduce heat to low and cook until rice is tender and fluffy, about 20 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°.

Meanwhile, in a frying pan over medium-high heat, add oil. Add chicken breasts, season with salt and pepper and cook until golden brown and meat registers 165° on a meat thermometer, about 20 minutes. Let cool and shred. Set aside.

In a saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Add flour and stir to combine. Whisk in broth and season with salt, pepper, and garlic salt. Stir over low heat until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream and chicken.

Pour rice into bottom of an 8"x 8" baking dish. Place the chicken mixture on top, sprinkle with cheese, and cover with aluminum foil. Bake until bubbly, about 20 minutes. Serve with garnishes.





SHOOFLY PIE



9" pie dough crust

Topping

1½ cups all-purpose flour 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 Tbsp unsalted butter, cold

½ cup creamy natural peanut

butter, chilled ¼ tsp salt

Line a deep pie plate with pie crust. Place in the refrigerator to chill.

Filling

²/₃ cup molasses

½ tsp baking soda

3/3 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350° and line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.

To make the topping, in the bowl of a food processor fitted with the blade attachment, add the flour, sugar, butter, peanut butter, and salt and process until blended. Chill in the refrigerator.

To make the filling, in a bowl, add the molasses, soda, and boiling water and whisk to combine. Pour molasses mixture into chilled pie shell. Distribute topping evenly over the pie.

Bake until top is lightly browned and the edges are set, 30-40 minutes

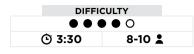


PIE DOUGH



2 ½ cups (12 ½ ounces) all-purpose flour 1 tsp salt 2 Tbsp sugar 1 cup (2 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into ¼" slices ½ cup ice water, divided In a food processor fitted with a blade attachment, add flour, salt, and sugar and pulse to combine. Add butter and process until homogeneous dough just starts to collect in uneven clumps, about 15 seconds. Add ¼ cup water over mixture and process until dough starts to come together. Add tablespoons of water until dough just sticks together. Divide dough into two even balls and flatten each into a 4" disk. Wrap each in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 30 minutes before using.

MODERN ALABAMA LANE CAKE



Cooking spray

Cake

3 cups cake flour, sifted
2 cups sugar
1 Tbsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter,
cold and cut into cubes
1 cup whole milk, at room temperature
1 tsp vanilla extract

8 egg whites, at room temperature

Filling

8 egg yolks
1 whole egg
1 cup sugar
½ cup unsalted butter, softened
¼ cup whole milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
⅓ cup bourbon
1 cup golden raisins

Frosting ½ cup water

1½ cups sugar
2 Tbsp light corn syrup
¼ tsp cream of tartar
3 large egg whites
1 pinch salt
1½ tsp vanilla extract

Garnishes

½ cup chopped pecans ½ cup sweetened shredded coconut, toasted 5 maraschino cherries,

drained and cut in half

Preheat oven to 350°. Prepare 3 round 8" cake pans with cooking spray, line with parchment rounds, and spray parchment.

To make the cake, in a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. With an electric mixer on low, combine the dry ingredients for about 20 seconds. With mixer on low, add butter until mixture is fine crumbs. Add milk and vanilla and mix on low for 5 minutes. Slowly add egg whites and mix for 3 minutes. Pour batter equally into prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 minutes. Let cool in pans for 15 minutes, then remove from pans and cool completely on cooling racks.

To make the filling, in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, add egg yolks, whole egg, sugar, butter, and milk and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Once boiling, cook for 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Add vanilla, bourbon, and raisins. Refrigerate until completely cooled, about 1 hour.

To make the frosting, in a heavy saucepan over medium heat, combine water, sugar,

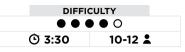
and corn syrup. Cover pan and bring sugar mixture to a full boil. Remove lid and continue boiling syrup, without stirring, until it reaches 242° on a candy thermometer or until syrup spins a thread when a small amount is dropped from a spoon back into boiling mixture. Remove from heat.

In a clean bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, add cream of tartar and egg whites. Beat on low speed with a pinch of salt until whites reach soft peaks. Continue to beat while gradually adding hot syrup in a thin, steady stream. Add vanilla and continue beating until whites hold stiff peaks, 8-10 minutes. Transfer to a pastry bag.

To assemble cake, place one layer of cake on a cake board or platter. Pipe frosting around the edge of the first layer. Frost with one third of the filling on the top only. Do not frost the sides. Place another layer of cake on top, pipe around the edge with frosting and spread another ½ portion of filling. Repeat for last layer of cake, frosting and filling. Frost the sides with the white frosting. Sprinkle nuts and coconut on top. Garnish with cherry halves.



DECONSTRUCTED MISSISSIPPI MUD PIE



Cake

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature 8 oz dark chocolate, chopped 1½ cups sugar

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp baking powder

2 tsp baking soda

½ tsp salt

2 Tbsp plus 1 tsp instant espresso powder

4 large eggs, beaten

½ cup strong coffee, at room temperature

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

Pudding

1 cup sugar

3/4 cup dark unsweetened cocoa powder

⅓ cup cornstarch

¼ tsp salt

6 large egg yolks

3 ½ cups whole milk

¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter,

at room temperature

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

3 oz dark chocolate

Whipped Cream

4 cups (1 qt) heavy cream 1/3 cup sugar 1 (9 oz) box chocolate wafer cookies

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly spray a 9"x13" pan with nonstick cooking spray.

To make the cake, place butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl. Set bowl over a simmering pan of water. Let melt, stir to combine. Remove from heat and allow to



cool. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and espresso powder. Add eggs, coffee, vanilla, and cooled chocolate mixture. Stir until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake until cake is set, about 35-40 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Once cooled, cut into 1" cubes.

To make the pudding, in a medium saucepan, whisk together sugar, cocoa powder, cornstarch, and salt. Add egg yolks and whisk until combined. The mixture will look like a thick paste. Slowly pour in milk, whisking constantly. Place saucepan over medium heat and bring mixture to a boil, whisking constantly. Let boil for 30 seconds and transfer to a medium bowl.

Add butter, vanilla, and chocolate and whisk until combined. Continue whisking

until mixture is cooled slightly. Let stand at room temperature for 15 minutes. Press a piece of plastic wrap directly on the surface of pudding to prevent a skin from forming. Transfer to refrigerator until chilled, at least 2 hours.

To make the whipped cream, in a bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment, beat cream until soft peaks form, about 1 minute. Sprinkle sugar over cream and continue whisking until stiff peaks form.

Transfer wafers to a zip top bag and crush into small chunks. Set aside.

Using a trifle bowl, layer half of the cake cubes, half of the pudding, half of the whipped cream and sprinkle cream with half of the crumbled wafers. Repeat, to create layers. Keep chilled until ready to serve.



