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Will and Daniel's Fabulous Fudge

INGREDIENTS

3 cups sugar

34 cup margarine or butter (1½ sticks)

5 oz. evaporated milk (one small can)

12 squares of semi-sweet chocolate, chopped into small pieces

7 oz. jar marshmallow cream

1¼ cup chopped walnuts 1 teaspoon vanilla



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DIRECTIONS

Bring margarine (or butter), sugar and evaporated milk to a full boil on medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil for 4 minutes, continuing to stir constantly. Remove from heat, add semi-sweet chocolate and marshmallow cream and stir until melted. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour into 9-inch square pan lined with foil. Let cool and cut into squares. Makes 3 pounds.

Mayor Smith's Zucchini Nut Bread

INGREDIENTS



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2 cups grated zucchini (I squeezed the liquid out using a dry towel)

3 cups sugar (I used 1 cup brown and 2 cups granulated sugar)

1 cup chopped walnuts

3 eggs

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

3 teaspoons cinnamon

3 cups flour

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

Beat the eggs; add oil, sugar, vanilla and zucchini. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into two greased and floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Mayor Mendonca's Stuffed Roast Loin of Pork

(Note- the photo shows a much smaller version of the crown pork roast. You will need about 13 ribs in order to make the full circle crown.)

INGREDIENTS

One 6-pound pork loin roast (have butcher saw through the backbone of the pork loin between chops)

2 teaspoons salt

½ teaspoon pepper 1 recipe Cranberry-Apricot Stuffing (below)

1 cup beef broth

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1 tablespoon cornstarch Reserved apricot liquid from stuffing



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DIRECTIONS

Trim excess fat from pork roast and cut down about 2 inches between ribs to partially separate roast into chop to make it easier to form the "crown".

Rub meat with salt and pepper and place in a roasting pan, rib bones down. Roast at 350° for about 1½ hours.

Remove pork from oven and let stand until cool enough to handle. Forcing ribs apart, push a generous amount of stuffing into the cuts between ribs. Mound stuffing slightly above the meat. Return meat to oven and roast 30-45 minutes longer, or until a meat thermometer registers 170° F.

Remove meat to a serving platter and let stand 20 minutes before carving. Drain excess fat from roasting pan. Add broth and vinegar to brown bits from the bottom of the pan. Mix cornstarch with reserved apricot liquid and stir into pan drippings and broth, simmering until thickened, then strain.

To serve: cut roast between ribs to separate into chops. Serve each chop with some of the stuffing and sauce.

Cranberry-Apricot Stuffing

INGREDIENTS

1 cup dried apricots, cut into small pieces

11/4 cup water

1/4 granulated sugar

1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

½ pound pork sausage

1 medium yellow onion, chopped

2 cups corn bread crumbs or pieces

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 teaspoon dried sage

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, combine apricots with 1 cup of the water. Allow to sit for about 15 minutes. Combine the remaining 1/4 cup water with sugar in a small saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add cranberries to syrup and boil for about 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let cranberries cool in the syrup.

In a frying pan, brown sausage with onion, breaking up sausage with a fork. Drain drippings, leaving about 4 tablespoons in the pan. Drain cranberries and apricots. Reserve liquid from apricots and set aside. Add fruit and corn bread crumbs/cubes to sausage. Toss to mix well and season to taste with salt, pepper and sage.

