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Mammaw's Biscuits

4 cups biscuit mix 2 cups sour cream ¼ cup 7UP or Sprite (more or less) ½ stick butter Heat oven to 375°F. Blend mix and sour cream in pastry blender. Add 7UP or Sprite until a dough ball forms. Roll ½ dough at a time on counter - use more biscuit mix to keep it from sticking to the counter and rolling pin.

Melt the butter in a skillet. Using a round cutter 2-3 inches in diameter, cut the

biscuits and place in the skillet making sure to dip both sides in the melted butter.

Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

Recipe courtesy of Miss Kay's Sweets & Eats - Chefs Alex Mancuso & Jon Gimber

Tunk's Snapper Sandy

¼ lb. (1 stick) butter ¼ cup of flour 1 pint half & half ½ lb. mild cheddar cheese (cubed or shredded) 4 - 12 lb. size brown paper bags 8 red snapper fillets (about 6 oz. each) 1 tablespoon Creole seasoning ¼ lb. lump crabmeat ½ cup green onion tops (chopped) ½ lb. small shrimp (peeled & cooked) ½ lb. crawfish tails (cooked)

Pre-heat the oven to 400°F.

In a heavy sauce pan, heat butter to 350°F. Add flour, whisking to blend. Stir until flour taste is gone, but do not brown. Slowly add half & half to the flour mixture, stirring constantly. Cook a few minutes until smooth and bubbly. Blend in the cheese. Set aside.



Season the snapper with Creole seasoning. Place two snapper fillets in the bottom of each bag. Place shrimp, crawfish tails and crabmeat on top of the snapper fillets. Spoon equal amounts of cheese sauce over contents of each bag. Sprinkle green onions on top of the cheese sauce.

Close bags by folding three times from the top. Place on sheet pan and slide into oven. Cook for 20 to 25 minutes until fish is done. Cut away the top of each bag and serve immediately.

Serves four people. Enjoy!

Recipe courtesy of Alexandria-Pineville Area CVB.



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Blackened Shrimp Fettuccine

½ lb. butter 1 large onion 1 red bell pepper 1 green bell pepper 2 stalks celery 1 garlic clove 1 tablespoon all purpose seasoning 1 teaspoon dried basil 1 teaspoon dried thyme 2 teaspoons granulated garlic 2 teaspoons black pepper ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 tablespoon seafood base 1 tablespoon chicken base 6 oz. white wine 2 tablespoons hot sauce 1 quart heavy cream 1½ Velvetta cheese 2 cups grated Parmesan 2-3 quarts water ½ cup white roux

3 lbs. dried fettuccine (prepared)

Medium dice onion, peppers and celery. Mince garlic. Melt butter in sauce pan, then add and sauté vegetables with browning until soft. Add all seasonings and hot sauce. Turn heat down to medium adding white wine, along with seafood and chicken bases. Reduce heat to low and add cream slowly and simmer folding

in cheeses (cubed) to melt into sauce.



Once all melted, pour over prepared fettuccine noodles and top with blackened shrimp or blackened chicken if preferred!

Serves 10-12, bon appetite!

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Natchitoches Meat Pies

Meat Pie Filling

1 teaspoon shortening
1 lb. ground beef
1 lb.ground pork meat
1 bunch green onions, chopped
1 pod garlic, minced
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt, black pepper and red pepper to taste
1 teaspoon flour

Meat Pie Crust

1 quart plain flour
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ cup + 1 tablespoon shortening
2 eggs
1 cup milk

Meat Pie Filling

Melt shortening in heavy pot. Add meat. Cook until pink is gone. Add vegetables and season to taste. (Season well, as meat will lose seasoning during frying.) When meat is completely done and vegetables glazed, remove from heat and drain excess liquid. Stir in 1 tablespoon flour.



Meat Pie Crust

Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening. Beat egg and add to milk. Work gradually into dry ingredients until proper consistency to roll. Break into small pieces and roll very thin. Cut into rounds using a saucer as a guide.

To assemble, place a large tablespoon of prepared (completely cooled) meat along edge and halfway in the center of round dough. Fold the other half over, making edges meet and seal with water. Form edges with fork. Drop in deep fat and cook until golden brown. Drain and serve hot. Makes approximately 18.

Recipe courtesy of Mrs. L.J. Melder, Natchitoches, LA.



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Toledo Bend Chicharrone Dusted Duck Breast

Chicharrone Duck Sous Vide

Skin-on boneless duck breast
Kosher salt to taste
Coarse ground pepper to taste
Sprig of thyme
1 gallon ziploc bag
½ bag of spicy chicharrones
or homemade pork rinds

Score duck skin 6 times diagonally to allow fat to render while cooking. Do not cut into meat. Season breast with salt and pepper to taste, front and back. Place seasoned breast in ziploc bag with sprig of thyme. Seal bag ³/₄ shut and press as much air from the bag as possible for tight seal around the duck before completely sealing.



Bring large pot of water to $130^{\circ}F$. Set to low heat to maintain. Place bag with duck breast into water and submerge with strainer or plate for 2 hours. Make sure water temp stays as close to $130^{\circ}F$ as possible. Remove duck.

Put chicharrones in food processor until very fine. Set aside in bowl for coating. Heat dry cast iron skillet on medium high heat. Place duck skin side down for 3 minutes, turn over for 30 seconds. Remove duck and place (skin side only) down in chicharrones covering as much surface area as possible.

Plate and rest 1 minute before slicing and serving. Favorite pairings are crisp brussel sprouts and applewood smoked German potato salad.

Recipe courtesy of Chef Wesley Sepulvado, Cypress Bend Resort Best Western Premier Collection

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Explore Wolf Cave, a prehistoric dwelling cave-site in the Vernon Unit of Kisatchie, as well as the Fullerton Sawmill site and Little Cypress, home of the Ol' Sarge Interpretive Trail. The Vernon Unit of Kisatchie has more than 52 miles of trails through pine and hardwood forests, and is home to many native Louisiana plants and animals.









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Pan Fried Largemouth Bass with Lemon Garlic Herb Butter Sauce

4 largemouth bass fillets, skin removed

Salt

Pepper

1 cup flour

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1 tablespoon garlic, sliced thin

¼ cup mild fresh herbs such as basil, parsley, chervil or oregano

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Season the fillets with salt and pepper. Heat a sauté pan on top of the grill. When the pan is hot add 2 tablespoons of butter and heat. Dredge the bass fillets in the flour and



shake off any excess. Place the fillets in the pan and pan fry about 3 minutes per side, until golden brown. Remove the fish from the pan and set aside. Add the rest of the butter to the pan and melt. When the butter is hot, add the sliced garlic. Fry the garlic until it just begins to turn light golden brown. Add the herbs and remove from heat. Carefully add the lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper. To serve, place a fillet on a plate and spoon some of the lemon garlic herb butter over the fish.

Recipe courtesy of the Vernon Parish Tourism Commission.

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ACADIA PARISH

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Easy Shrimp Étouffée

½ cup margarine

1 cup chopped green onions

½ cup chopped green pepper

1 cup chopped celery

1 cup onions

1 can cream of shrimp soup

1 can stewed tomatoes

2 tablespoons

Worcestershire sauce

½ teaspoon pepper

½ teaspoon garlic powder

2 cups uncooked shrimp,

peeled and deveined

In a 1 ½ or 3 quart dish, melt butter.

Stir in onions, celery and green
pepper. Sauté on high for 10 minutes.

Add green onions. Sauté 5 minutes.

Add cream of shrimp soup, stewed



tomatoes, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and garlic powder. Add shrimp and cover. Cook on HIGH for 10 minutes. Serve over cooked rice.

Recipe courtesy of Acadia Parish Tourist Commission.

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Shrimp Fettuccine

1½ cups butter or margarine

3 onions, chopped

2 bell peppers, chopped

2 tablespoons jalapeño peppers (optional)

2 cloves garlic, minced

½ cup all-purpose flour

1 bunch fresh parsley

3 lbs. shrimp

1 pint half & half

1 ounce lemon juice

1 lb. Velveeta cheese

Salt and cayenne pepper to taste

1 lb. fettucine noodles, boiled

Combine first five ingredients and salt. Stirring steadily, cook 10-15 minutes. Gradually add flour and cook an additional 10-15 minutes.

Add parsley and shrimp and cook

10-15 minutes longer. Add half &

half, lemon juice and cheese – stir until blended. Stir in boiled noodles.

 ${\it Recipe courtesy of Cajun Coast Visitors \& Convention Bureau.}$



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Bayou Country Pralines

Prep Time: 1 Hour

Makes: 18-24

2 cups granulated sugar

1 cup dark or light brown sugar

1 stick (¼ pound) butter

1 cup milk

2 tablespoons Karo syrup

4 cups pecan halves

Put all ingredients except the pecans in a 3-quart saucepan and cook for about 20 minutes over medium heat. Once boiling begins, add the pecans. Stir and cook the mixture until the



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liquid forms a soft ball when a little is dropped in cold water. Stir well and drop by spoonfuls on the waxed paper. For convenience, we suggest placing a small table near the stove, with a few sheets of newspaper and then place the wax paper on that surface. Cool thoroughly and enjoy your sweet Bayou Country treat.

Recipe courtesy of Houma Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.





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Crawfish Pie

Crawfish filling

1 stick butter
1 chopped large yellow onion
½ chopped green bell pepper
1 chopped rib of celery
1 lb. peeled crawfish tails
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
dissolved in ½ cup water
Salt
Red cayenne pepper
granulated garlic
¼ cup chopped green onions
2 tablespoons chopped fresh
parsley leaves

Pie dough

1 8 oz. package of regular cream cheese at room temperature2 sticks of butter at room temperature3 cups all-purpose flour plus1 cup for dusting

Crawfish filling

To make the crawfish filling, melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onions, green bell peppers and celery, stirring to sauté until soft and translucent, about 10-12 minutes. Add crawfish tails. Stir and cook



until they begin to release their liquid, being careful not to overcook, about 5 minutes. Add flour/water mixture to crawfish, reduce heat to medium low and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture thickens, 3-5 minutes. Season with salt, red cayenne pepper and granulated garlic, to taste. Add green onions and parsley. Transfer mixture to a bowl, cool slightly, then refrigerate. When mixture is completely cooled, chop mixture to a medium/fine consistency to use as filling.

Pie crust

To make the pie dough, place butter and cream cheese in the bowl of a mixer and blend until well combined. Add 3 cups of flour and mix. Remove from bowl and place on a clean surface or parchment paper. Knead slightly, adding more flour if needed. Shape dough into ball and divide into 2. Dust your rolling pin and surface with flour for rolling out dough. Roll out dough to desired thickness and cut into 3-inch rounds. Fill each round with 1 tablespoon cold crawfish filling, fold over dough and seal by pinching edges together with a fork. Place finished pies on a parchment or waxed paper lined baking sheet and freeze. To bake, preheat oven to 350°F. Place frozen pies on a baking sheet, 2 inches apart. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until center is warmed through and crust is golden.

Recipe compliments of Debra Taghehchian.

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Bread Puddingwith Rum Sauce

Bread pudding

15 oz. of white sandwich bread 2 ½ cups of sugar 5 eggs 3 ½ cups of skim milk 2 tablespoons vanilla

Rum sauce

½ pound butter1 cup sugar1 egg½ cup white rum

Bread pudding

In a large bowl, tear bread slices into small pieces. Add the rest of ingredients and stir until mixed well. Coat a 9×13 inch pan and pour in mixture. Allow mixture to come to room temperature, about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to



350°F. Bake for 45 minutes or until puffed up and golden brown. Let stand for 30 minutes.

Rum sauce

Cream butter and sugar in mixer at high speed, until light and creamy. At low speed, add egg and mix until blended. Then add rum and mix until blended. Mix on high for 20 to 30 minutes until light and fluffy. Serve atop the bread pudding.

Recipe courtesy of Pujo St. Café and the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Crawfish Étouffée

1 stick butter 2 cups chopped onions 1 cup chopped celery ½ cup chopped green bell peppers 1 lb. peeled crawfish tails or peeled shrimp (40-50 ct.) 1 tablespoon minced garlic 2 bay leaves 1 tablespoon flour 1 cup warm seafood or chicken stock 1½ teaspoons salt 3 pinches of cayenne ¼ teaspoon white pepper 1 teaspoon Louisiana or Crystal Hot Sauce 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley 3 tablespoons chopped

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add the onions, celery and bell peppers and sauté until the vegetables are wilted, about 10 to 12 minutes. Add the crawfish, garlic and bay leaves and reduce the heat to medium. Cook the crawfish for 10



to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Dissolve the flour in the warm stock. Add to the crawfish mixture. Season with salt and cayenne. Stir until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the parsley and green onions and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Serve over steamed rice.

Recipe courtesy of Louisiana's Cajun Bayou.



green onions

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Avery Island Seafood Gumbo

5 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided

⅓ cup all-purpose flour

1 cup green pepper

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1½ quarts fish stock or water

1 fresh sprig thyme

1 teaspoon TABASCO® brand pepper sauce

1 lb. fresh Louisiana shrimp shelled and deveined

116 oz. can whole tomatoes chopped and undrained

1 lb. fresh okra thinly sliced (about 4 cups)

1 teaspoon white vinegar

1 cup chopped onion

2 cloves garlic minced

½ cup chopped celery

2 bay leaves

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

½ lb. fresh Louisiana lump crabmeat

3 cups cooked KONRIKO® brand rice

Chopped scallions and chopped fresh parsley for garnish

In medium skillet (not cast iron), heat 3 tablespoons oil, add fresh okra, stirring frequently, cook 30 minutes. Add vinegar and cook another 10 minutes, until okra is no longer "ropy or slimy" and is lightly browned, then set aside.



In large pot, heat remaining 2 tablespoons of oil, add flour and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, about 30 minutes or until roux turns dark brown and develops nutty aroma. Add onion, garlic, green pepper, celery and parsley, cook 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add okra, fish stock, tomatoes, bay leaves, thyme, Worcestershire sauce, TABASCO® brand pepper sauce and salt. Simmer uncovered 45 minutes.

Add fresh Louisiana shrimp and crabmeat, simmer 5 to 10 minutes. Discard bay leaves and thyme. Serve gumbo over cooked KONRIKO® brand rice with additional TABASCO® brand pepper sauce. Garnish with scallions and parsley.

Recipe courtesy of Iberia Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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Chicken & Sausage Gumbo

Yield: 10 servings

1 (4-5 lb.) chicken, cut into pieces Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning* 4 tablespoons LouAna Vegetable Oil* 4 tablespoons flour 2 large onions, chopped 2 stalks celery, chopped 1 green bell pepper, chopped 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 lb. Savoie's Smoked Sausage*, sliced 3 quarts water 3 tablespoons green onions, chopped 3 tablespoons parsley,

*St. Landry Parish Product

chopped

Season chicken to taste with Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning.*

In a large heavy pot, heat oil until hot and gradually add flour, stirring continuously until well-blended. Lower heat and continue stirring until roux is chocolate brown. Add chopped onion, celery, bell pepper and garlic.



Stir well and let vegetables begin to wilt. Slowly add water, stirring to dissolve roux. Add chicken and sliced smoked sausage and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 1 ½ hours or until meat is tender. Add additional seasoning along with green onions and parsley.

Serve in soup bowls with Prairie Ronde Rice*

Recipe courtesy of St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission.



ST. MARTIN PARISH

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Crawfish Cornbread

1 cup white cornmeal
½ teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt
¼ cup cooking oil
1 can cream style corn
2 eggs
½ lb. grated cheddar cheese
3 chopped jalapeño peppers
1 cup chopped onions
1 lb. chopped crawfish

Mix all ingredients thoroughly in large mixing bowl. Pour ingredients into lightly greased 8 x 10 inch baking pan. Bake 45 minutes at 350°F.

Recipe courtesy of Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival Association.



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Crawfish Bread

2 tablespoons butter, divided ¼ cup diced onion ¼ cup diced celery ¼ cup diced red bell pepper 1 teaspoon minced garlic ¼ teaspoon fresh thyme 1 teaspoon Creole seasoning blend (your favorite) ½ lb. Louisiana crawfish tails ½ teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons green onion tops ¼ cup mayo 1 teaspoon Creole mustard 2 oz. Parmesan 2 oz. Cheddar/jack 4 po-boy bread or sub rolls

Over medium heat, sauté onions, celery, pepper and garlic in 1 tablespoon butter until soft.

Season with thyme and seasoning blend.

Add crawfish tails, salt and green onions and sauté for 1 minute.

Take off heat and cool. Once cooled, add mayo, Creole mustard and cheeses and mix well. Slice po-boy breads in half lengthwise.



Spread a quarter of the crawfish-cheese mix on each bottom and cover with the top.

Brown bread in a skillet with remaining tablespoon of butter as you would a grilled cheese.

Recipe courtesy of Eliza Restaurant & Bar.



BATON ROUGE AREA



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Baba is a soft, sweet yellow cake covered with a thick, rich custard spread and delicious coconut, then finished with a generous fluffy meringue topping.

Cake

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs

½ cup shortening

1½ cup sugar

2 ¼ cups cake four

2 ½ tablespoons

baking powder

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk

Bouille or Custard

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

½ cup cornstarch

¼ cup sugar

½ teasoon salt

2 cups milk

2 egg yolks, slightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla

Coconut Filling

2 cups grated coconut
1 cup water

3 tablespoons cornstarch

Meringue

10 egg whites

1 ¼ cup sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cake

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, vanilla, beating well. Sift dry ingredients together. Add alternately with milk. Mix well. Pour into 13x9x2 inch greased and floured pan. Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes or until top springs back when touched. Cool.



Bouille or Custard

Melt butter or margarine, blend in cornstarch, sugar and salt. Gradually add milk. Heat to boil over direct heat. Stir some of the hot mixture into the egg yolks and return to the heated mixture. Add vanilla and cool two minutes, stirring constantly until thick. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Spread over the cooled cake.

Coconut Filling

Combine ingredients and cook over low heat until thickened and clear, all the while stirring to prevent sticking. Should be the consistency of a thick liquid. Allow to cool before spooning over the bouille that has already been added to the cake.

Meringue

Beat egg whites until foamy. Add sugar gradually while continuing to beat stiff peaks. Fold in vanilla and spoon over the three layers of cake. Return the cake to the hot oven until meringue is golden brown.

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Ellen Bennett's Hummingbird Cake

Cake

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cinnamon

3 eggs, beaten

1½ cups oil

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

1 - 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, undrained

1 cup chopped pecans

2 cups mashed bananas

Frosting

1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened

½ cup butter or oleo, softened

1 - 16 oz. pkg. powdered sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup chopped pecans

Cake

Combine flour, sugar, salt, soda and cinnamon in large mixing bowl. Add eggs and oil, stirring until dry ingredients are moistened. Do not beat. Stir in vanilla, pineapple, pecans and bananas. Bake in greased and floured Bundt pan at 350°F for 45-60 minutes.



Frosting

Frost with frosting made by combining cream cheese with butter and creaming until smooth. Stir in vanilla and pecans. If you decide to make a layer cake double the icing recipe.

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Beignets

Yield: 12-15 beignets
2 cups self-rising flour
3 tablespoons shortening
(Crisco)
³/₄ cup HOT water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
(optional)
Vegetable oil for frying
Powdered sugar

In a large mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of self-rising flour and 3 tablespoons shortening. Mix well with whisk to incorporate both ingredients; there should be a few lumps. Dissolve 1 tablespoon sugar in HOT tap water. Let cool before combining with the flour and shortening mixture, (optional: add 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract)



mix with a fork only to incorporate water and flour mixture. DO NOT OVER MIX. On a clean surface (counter or cutting board) dust surface with flour so dough will not stick to surface. Roll dough to about 1/4" to 3/4" thickness. Cut into desired shape or size (usually about 2" to 4" squares). Let rest about 10 minutes before frying at 375°F. Turn when they reach a delicate brown; drain well. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

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Baked Oysters Radosta

Named after a very good customer, this dish is totally in the spirit of New Orleans' love affair with baked oyster casseroles. Of course, it's also in the spirit of what we Italians have been doing with oysters, clams and mussels for probably a thousand years.

½ cup pure olive oil
½ cup chopped
white onion
¼ cup minced garlic
1 tablespoon chopped
celery
1 tablespoon chopped
green onion
3 cups freshly shucked
oysters, water reserved
½ cup white wine
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon crushed
red pepper

breadcrumbs

½ cup grated
Romano cheese
Extra-virgin olive oil
Grated Parmesan cheese
Fresh Italian parsley
for garnish

1 teaspoon Worcestershire

sauce 1 cup unseasoned Heat the pure olive oil in a large pan and sauté the onion and garlic until caramelized. Then stir in the celery and green onion, sautéing until tender. Add the shucked oysters and wine



bringing mixture to a boil. Season with salt, crushed red pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Remove from heat and stir in the breadcrumbs and Romano, along with enough oyster water to keep the dressing moist. Lightly coat a baking dish with extra-virgin olive oil, then fill with the oyster mixture and smooth the top with a spoon. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Bake in a preheated 450°F oven until golden brown, 12-14 minutes. Let rest for 5 minutes, then spoon onto appetizer plates. (Or, you can bake this dressing in individual ramekins.) Garnish with fresh Italian parsley. Serves 4.

Recipe courtesy of Andrea's Restaurant & Catering, 3100 19th Street, Metairie, LA 70002, 504-834-8583.

Shrimp and Mirliton Au Gratin a la "Higgins Boat"

8-10 medium sized mirlitons. sliced in half 2 lbs. salad shrimp (70-90's will work fine) ¼ stick of butter room temp ½ stick of butter sliced thin 1 cup diced each: onion, celery ½ cup diced bell peppers (any color) ¼ cup minced garlic ½ tablespoon fresh minced thyme ½ tablespoon fresh minced basil Salt and pepper to taste ¼ cup chopped parsley 1 cup panko bread crumbs

1 cup Italian bread crumbs

Place sliced mirlitons in pot of salted water and boil for 45 minutes till tender. Remove from water and let cool. Scrape meat of mirlitons from skin, remove pith, reserving meat in colander to allow remaining water to drain from scrapped mirlitons. In large sauté pan, melt butter and place sliced onions, celery, bell peppers, garlic and herbs in pan. Cook till vegetables are tender (3-5 minutes). Add shrimp and continue to sauté 2-3 minutes. Add steamed mirliton meat and continue to cook for 20 minutes on medium heat until well incorporated. Fold in mixture of bread crumbs ½ cup at a time until stuffing is stiff. Fold in chopped parsley. Add sliced butter, folding in to add flavor and moisture to mixture. Season to taste with salt, pepper

Let mixture cool on sheet pan, thinly spread out. Use as stuffing in the original half mirliton shells, for seafood dishes or as a side. Enjoy!



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Corn, Shrimp and Sweet Potato Bisque

2 tablespoons butter ½ bunch celery, finely chopped ½ onion, finely chopped 1/8 cup minced garlic Pinch dried tarragon 1 bay leaf Pinch thyme Pinch cayenne pepper Pinch white pepper Pinch paprika 1 cup of white wine 24 whole raw medium shrimp, washed ½ cup flour ½ jar shrimp base 1 quart heavy cream 1 lb. blond roux (½ cup butter and ½ cup flour)

1 pound roasted sweet potato pulp 1½ cups sweet corn (boiled and removed from the ear or canned/frozen)

2 oz. cream sherry

In a large saucepan, melt 2 tablespoons butter and add the celery, onions, garlic and spices (tarragon, bay leaf, thyme, cayenne, white pepper and paprika). Cover the pan and cook the vegetables slowly until they are tender. Add the white wine and the



shrimp and poach for about 8 minutes. Remove and reserve the shrimp. When the shrimp are cool enough to handle, shell and devein twelve of them. Dice the meat and reserve it. Put diced shrimp back into the kettle with the mirepoix and poaching wine. Add the shrimp base, bring the soup back to a boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Strain it through a fine sieve. If it's too thick, add a little milk. Strain it again through a thickness of cheesecloth. Add heavy cream and sherry then whisk in puréed sweet potato pulp. Simmer 10 minutes. Whisk in roux, simmer 5 minutes, then strain. Add corn, simmer 5 minutes. To serve, top with reserved whole shrimp and Crème Fraiche (or substitute unsweetened whipped cream).

Recipe courtesy of Broussard's Restaurant prepared by Executive Chef Neal Swidler.





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Cajun Stuffed Mirliton with Ground Beef and Shrimp

half lengthwise
1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. shrimp (70 count)
% lb. butter
1 cup diced onions

½ cup diced celery

4 mirlitons cut in

¼ cup diced green bell pepper

2 tablespoons minced garlic

2 cups Italian bread crumbs

Salt & pepper to taste

Boil mirlitons in water until fork tender and remove seeds. Drain in a colander until cool. Melt butter in a pot on medium – high heat. Add ground beef and brown. Add onions, celery, green peppers and garlic – cook until wilted.



Add shrimp and cook until they are pink in color. Add the mirliton pulp and mix well, cook until hot. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add bread crumbs to absorb liquid. Fill the mirliton shells with the mixture. Sprinkle bread crumbs on top and bake at 375°F until brown. Serves 8.

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Roasted Root Vegetables Herbs de Provence

2 lbs. fresh beets

2 lbs. fresh yams

2 lbs. fresh turnips

¼ cup olive oil

¼ cup Herbs de Provence

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oven to 400°F. Peel beets, yams and turnips. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Toss vegetables in olive oil. Sprinkle Herbs de Provence and mix well. Place vegetables on a sheet pan, season with salt and pepper.



Roast in oven for 45 minutes to an hour or until fork-tender. Serves 8

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Boot Hill Bar Oyster Gumbo

1 cup vegetable or canola oil 11/2 cup all-purpose flour 1 large yellow onion 3 stalks of celery 2 medium green bell peppers (or Poblano for more kick) 4-5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced 4 dozen fresh oysters, shucked, strained and liquid reserved 3 cups sliced okra Healthy sprig of thyme ½ teaspoon cayenne 1 teaspoon chili powder 1 teaspoon ground black pepper 2 teaspoons paprika ½ teaspoon white pepper 2 tablespoons salt in a pinch bowl A few shakes of CRYSTAL hot sauce ½ cup sliced green onion Pinch red pepper flakes 1 clove garlic 1 gallon chicken or shrimp

stock or oyster liquor

Prepare and measure out all ingredients and set aside before starting the cooking process so you can focus on the task at hand. Chop the onions, celery, peppers and slice the garlic and set aside. Shuck and drain the oysters and reserve the juice. Slice and roast your okra in a 300°F oven for about 6-8 minutes to cook off the slime and set aside.

Heat oil in a heavy bottomed or cast iron Dutch oven over medium high heat.



When the oil is hot, but not smoking, add the flour and begin whisking constantly and lower the heat to medium. As the roux darkens, lower the heat gradually to avoid scorching the roux. (Alternatively, you can start the roux on the stove and then put it in the oven at 300°F and check it occasionally. This process takes longer but is very effective.)

When your roux is at the smooth dark brown stage (think chocolate), add your onions and stir in slowly. Beware the steam coming from the roux, it is HOT! The onions will release their sugar and darken the roux. Cook for about 2-3 minutes, then add the celery, peppers, garlic, thyme and seasonings and cook for another 2-3 minutes.

Begin whisking in the stock gradually, allowing the liquid to heat up before adding more. When all liquid is incorporated, bring to a boil, being sure to whisk occasionally as the roux can still burn at this point.

Skim any excess oil off the top while allowing to simmer for about 20 minutes. Add the okra and half of the oysters and any oyster juice. Simmer for another 20 minutes. Season as needed.

Toss remaining oysters in seasoned corn flour and fry until crisp. Serve in a big bowl with rice and green onions and adorn with the fried oysters. Lassiez les bon temp roulles!!

 $Recipe\ courtesy\ of\ Chef\ Dan\ at\ Boot\ Hill\ Bar,\ Amite,\ LA.,\ boothill bar.com.$



Heirloom Tomato, Burrata and Louisiana Crab Salad

Heirloom tomatoes of different sizes and colors, sliced or quartered 16 oz. container premium lump Louisiana blue crab meat 4 oz. buratta cheese Chopped chive for garnish

Green Goddess Dressing

½ cup mayo
⅓ cup buttermilk
¼ cup fresh chive, chopped
¼ cup fresh flat leaf parsley
¼ cup fresh tarragon
¼ cup fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 anchovy fillets

Green Goddess Dressing

Place dressing ingredients in blender and blend till smooth in texture. Chill for a couple hours before serving.

To assemble salad, spoon dressing on bottom of plate. Arrange sliced tomatoes on dressing and place desired amount of Louisiana blue crab meat on top of tomatoes. Sprinkle with pinched off pieces of burrata cheese and garnish with chopped chive.



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Cajun Grits and Grillades

Grillades

1 - 4lb. pork tenderloin, in ½ inch slices (this forms medallions)

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups canola oil (maybe more if your skillet is large, read below)

4 yellow onions, medium diced

2 bell peppers, medium diced

1 bunch celery, medium diced

4 cloves garlic, minced

8 bay leaves

1 can diced tomatoes with areen chilies

2 quarts pork or chicken stock Benoit's Cajun Seasoning to taste Salt to taste

Grits (serving for 8)

4 cups water

1 cup Quaker 5 minutes Grits

2 heaping tablespoons of

bacon grease

½ block butter

Benoits Cajun seasoning to taste

Salt to taste

Garlic powder to taste

Grillades

Lightly pound pork slices with a mallet. Season with Benoits seasoning mix and salt. Pour flour in a pan and then dust pork in flour.

In pot #1: Pour approximately ½ inch worth of oil in a large heavy skillet. Heat oil over high heat and brown pork on both sides, in batches, for about 2 minutes per side. The goal is to continue frying the

pork medallions on medium/high. The bottom of the pot will consist of browned flour (but not burnt). If it turns black, then you've cooked on high and your gravy base is burnt. After browning, place medallions on a tray lined with a paper towel.

When pork has all been browned, you will create the succulent brown gravy by first pouring out as much of the grease as you can. The bottom of the pot should consist of browned flour (not burnt black flour). Keep the gravy content in this pot until it is time to pour it into pot #2.

In Pot #2 (Dutch oven): Add ¼ inch worth of cooking oil, onions, peppers, celery, garlic, bay leaves and diced tomatoes, and cook, stirring constantly. You will want to cook the vegetables first on medium/high. Cover the pot with the lid making all the liquids seep from the vegetables. Keep covered for about 10 minutes. Then, remove the lid, lower your heat to medium and continue sautéing the vegetables for about 30 minutes. If needed, add a little water to keep the vegetables from burning and sticking too much. The goal is to cook these vegetables down to a purée. The onions should be cooked down for about 40-45 minutes total. You may see the vegetable mixture turn the bottom of the pot dark brown, but not burnt.

Then, add stock, brown gravy contents from pot #1 and season with Benoit® seasoning and salt. Stir and cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Return pork to Dutch oven and simmer over medium low heat for 40 minutes, until meat is very tender. You should be able to cut the medallions with a fork but not cooked so much as they come apart on their own.

Grits

While pork is cooking, begin the grits in another pot. Add grits, water and salt in a pot and bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook 4-5 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Add butter, bacon grease, garlic powder, Benoit's Cajun Seasoning. Then lower heat to low and continue cooking for 35 minutes more. The goal is to make the grits very creamy by stirring constantly and adding a little water when the grits get too stiff. You want the consistency of the grits to be creamy but not runny and not so firm that you can cut them with your fork the minute they are out of the pot. Taste the grits before serving to make sure you've added enough garlic and seasoning.

Serving the Grits and Grillades

Place approximately 2 large serving spoons of grits on your plate. Then scoop up some gravy with a large serving spoon and place on grits making a hole in the center of the grits making a little crater for the gravy to stay. Place approximately 2 to 3 pork medallions on top of the grits. Add scallops on top for garnishing.

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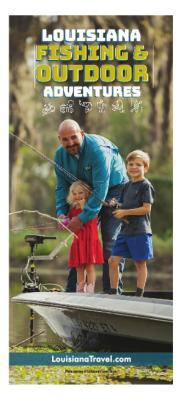
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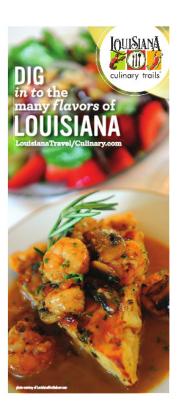
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