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Here’s what’s Cookin’

By Phyllis Hays, #11 with Trixie



Twice Baked Potato Casserole

Nonstick cooking spray	1/2 cup sour cream
2.5 pounds baking potatoes, such as russets	3 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 cloves garlic, peeled	8 slices bacon, cooked crisp, rendering reserved
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper	5 green onions
1/2 cup buttermilk or heavy cream	1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar
1/2 cup cream cheese	2 tablespoons olive oil or reserved bacon fat

Heat your oven to 400 degrees F and lightly grease a 9-inch square casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

Scrub and dry the potatoes well. Using a vegetable peeler or a paring knife, peel the potatoes, setting the peels aside for later, and cut the potatoes into quarters. Place into a large saucepan and cover with cold tap water. Add in the garlic, season well with salt and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook the potatoes until tender, 15 to 20 minutes. Then drain and return the potatoes and garlic to the pot.

Add the buttermilk or cream, cream cheese, sour cream and butter into the potatoes and place a lid on the pan to allow the butter to melt and the cream cheese to soften. Using a hand mixer, beat the potatoes just until smooth.

Finely chop 6 slices of the bacon and thinly slice 4 of the green onions. Add into the potatoes along with 1/2 cup of the Cheddar. Stir well to combine and season to taste with more salt if needed. Transfer the potatoes to the prepared casserole dish and bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, toss the reserved potato peels onto a sheet pan and drizzle with the olive oil or reserved bacon fat. Season well with salt and pepper and, using your hands, toss very well to combine and evenly coat. Spread the peels into a single layer. Remove the potatoes from the oven, top with the remaining 1 cup Cheddar and return to the oven along with the pan of potato peels until the potatoes are golden around the edges and the peels are crisp, 15 to 20 minutes.

Roughly chop the remaining bacon and slice the remaining green onions. Allow the potatoes to cool slightly before topping with the bacon, green onions and crispy potato peels. Enjoy!

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6 scallions, green part only,
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2 sheets frozen puff pastry
(from a 17.3-ounce package),
thawed
All-purpose flour, for dusting
4 ounces Cheddar, grated

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Cook the bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crispy, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and allow to cool slightly, then finely chop. Set aside.

In a small bowl, stir together the cream cheese and scallions. Season with salt and pepper.

Unfold the pastry sheets on a lightly floured work surface. Lightly roll each piece of pastry into a 10-inch square. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the entire surface of each piece of pastry, leaving a slight border around the edges. Sprinkle the Cheddar and bacon in an even layer over the top of the cream cheese mixture. Tightly roll each pastry sheet into a log (jelly roll style), then pinch the seam closed and place seam-side down on the work surface.

Using a sharp knife, cut both logs crosswise into 12 pinwheels each, approximately 1 inch thick. Transfer 12 pinwheels to each prepared baking sheet, spiral-side up. In a small bowl, whisk the egg and 1 tablespoon water until combined to make an egg wash. Brush the tops and sides of the pinwheels with the egg wash.

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“What’s Goin’ On”

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"The Aisle Seat"

by Tim Fealy

For Christmas, I want to give you the gift of two suggestions you may have missed that I think you will thoroughly enjoy! First up is **"Molly's Game."** Available on Netflix, the film tells the story of Molly Bloom. After a devastating injury ends her Olympic dreams, Molly finds work as a personal assistant whose duties include setting up a weekly, high stakes poker game for her employer. Molly is a quick learner and makes more in tips from the players than she does at her job. Seeing the potential, she soon organizes her own game, increases the buy ins, and has a waiting list of those eager to play. Not all the players are reputable, and as the Russian mob gets involved, so does the FBI. All of this is explained in a sharp, witty voice over from Molly's perspective. Great acting and a compelling story keep you hooked until the very end. **On my scale as to what I would pay to see this film, "Molly's Game" receives \$10.**



While driving their dad's truck, two teenage girls get into an accident with a man who has skipped bail. The bounty hunter chasing them, Bowser, mistakes them for fellow bounty hunters and this is the start of the super fun, charming and witty **"Teenage Bounty Hunters"** on Netflix. Bowser takes the girls under his wing and teaches them the business, using the yogurt shop he owns as their cover. I really enjoyed the way the relationship between Bowser and the girls develops. While he is mostly annoyed by them and does not understand their world, he cares for them like a father would. Of course, being teenagers means they must balance their work life with home responsibilities, dating and attending a Christian school. This series works so well because we genuinely like the main characters and each episode is like visiting with good friends. The dialog is fast and clever and reminds me of "The Gilmore Girls." Be sure to watch the first season to the end as there is a plot twist that I did not see coming, resulting in an exciting conclusion. **On my scale, "Teenage Bounty Hunters" receives \$9.**

**Merry
Christmas**



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