

Autumn weather brings urge to do some baking with fall apples

Happy autumn everybody! This crisp fall weather has me in the kitchen baking like crazy, which I love. My family loves it, too, of course, because when I'm developing new recipes, "taste-testers" are in high demand around here.

This week as I was reviewing my "tried and true" collection of Ina Garten recipes in preparation for a Best of the Barefoot Contessa class, I came across one of my absolute favorites, an Ina classic: Apple Crostata.

Apple Crostata is the perfect fall dessert, hands down. It's the free-form, open-face version of pie: rustic, simple, gorgeous. Pair it with a cup of freshly-brewed coffee and I'll bet you can't stop with just a single helping.

Eating crostata is fun, too, since you can cut off a crusty wedge and devour it right from your hand (often seen at my house, a tall cold glass of milk in the other hand), or, if the setting is more formal, serve it dressed up on a plate with a fork for special guests — it's totally your call.

If your neighbor lady was kind enough to pick you a bushel of apples, why not showcase them in crostata form? She will love your tasty thank-you gift and what delicious treats to have in your freezer stockpile, especially since crostatas are fun and easy to create, freeze perfectly, and can be baked from frozen — something warm and yummy you'll love this winter when the snow is blowing across the Kansas



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prairie like it always does.

Below is a quick and easy version of this dessert. Unlike Ina's, this recipe calls for store-purchased pastry, but feel free to make it from scratch like she does. (If you get that urge, by all means, don't ignore it!) And please don't skip the orange zest in this recipe — it brings such a nice burst of brightness to the apples — you'll see. Sometimes I sneak in a few tossed pecans into the topping for added texture.

Chef Alli's Caramel Apple Crostata

- 1 refrigerated Pillsbury pie crust
- 3 medium Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled and sliced thin
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh orange zest
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/3 cup caramel topping, warmed
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. On a lightly floured sheet of parchment placed on a baking sheet, roll out pastry to a 12 inch circle. In a mixing bowl, toss apple slices with orange zest, then place onto center of pastry, leaving about a 1 1/2 inch border around the entire edge of pastry. In the bowl of a food processor, place flour, sugar, brown sugar, salt, allspice, cinnamon and butter; pulse this mixture until crumbly. Place mixture over the top of apples, rubbing with your fingers to get mixture to hold together, spreading evenly over apples; fold pastry edge up over the apple mixture, pleating as you go, leaving center of crostata open, with apple filling exposed.

Place crostata, uncovered, onto center rack of preheated oven; bake for 20 minutes, then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for an additional 15-20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and apples are fork-tender. While crostata is still warm, drizzle with caramel sauce. Let crostata set for 5 minutes, then slice into wedges and serve.
Now You're Cookin'.

Alli Winter was raised in Topeka and began cooking at age 4, though it was much later when she attended the Personal Chef Institute in Rio Rancho, N.M., where she acquired her certification. Her website is at www.ChefAllis.com.

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Ty Layne Koon, 43, Colby, Oct. 14, pedestrian under the influence of alcohol/drugs, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released Thursday on recognizance.
- James Wade Coplin, 27, Colby, Oct. 14, failure to report an accident, Colby Police, released same day on notice to appear.
- Roger Anthony Dinning, 36, Colby, Oct. 15, harassment by telephone, assault (two counts), Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day by court order.
- Paul Martin Richard Tech, 24, Levant, Oct. 15, driving with license suspended or revoked, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.
- Calvin Shelton Bare, 25, Colby, Oct. 16, possession of certain hallucinogenic drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff, released Oct. 17

- with charges pending.
- Daren Duane Guy, 40, Colby, Oct. 16, theft, Colby Police, released same day with charges pending.
- Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson, 32, Colby, Oct. 16, theft, Colby Police, released Oct. 18 on recognizance.
- Omar Rashaad Austin, 27, Jacksonville, Fla., last Wednesday, possession/distribution of certain hallucinogenic drugs, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Thursday on \$100,000 appearance bond.
- Jachoon Lee, 24, Emporia, last Wednesday, reckless driving, speeding, Thomas County Sheriff, released same day with charges pending.
- Devlin Lon Dempewolf, 28, Colby, Oct. 21, driving under the influence (second offense), Thomas County Sheriff/Court Services of Thomas County, released Sunday for time served.

Water rights project open until Nov. 15

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications under the Water Right Transition Assistance Pilot Project Program (WTAP) until Tuesday, Nov. 15. This is a voluntary, incentive-based program that permanently retires privately held irrigation water rights in exchange for payment by the state of Kansas. It is intended to help restore aquifers and recover stream flows in critically depleted target areas.

The designated target areas include Rattlesnake Creek sub basin, Prairie Dog Creek basin and six "High Priority Areas" of Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4.

Rules and regulations, target area maps, application forms and other details are posted on the Division of Conservation website at www.scc.ks.gov/node/11.

"WTAP provides irrigators an opportunity to stabilize water systems while being compensated at market rates," Division of Conservation Water Conservation Programs Manager Steve Frost said. "It works well for producers who are interested in estates or trusts, or looking for ways to generate cash flow from one area of a farming operation. Even just portions of water rights can be retired, and dryland farming is allowed after the transition."

The program is designed to achieve significant impact in meeting state water plan goals regarding aquifer depletion and stream recovery, as well as in maintaining interstate compact obligations and avoiding water right impairment issues. The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation administers the program and Groundwater Management Districts and the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources assist.

For information, contact Frost at (785) 296-8964 or steve.frost@kda.ks.gov.

Swine day early registration open to Nov. 10

Kansas State University will hold Swine Day Thursday, Nov. 17, at the K-State Alumni Center at 17th and Anderson Ave. in Manhattan.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person if paid by Nov. 10; \$35 at the door. Registration includes lunch, conference materials, the

ice cream reception and parking permit. More information, including online registration is available at www.ksuswine.org.

K-State animal scientists will present "Current K-State Swine Research to Help Improve Net Return of a Swine Business" and veterinarians Steve Henry, Lisa

Tokach and Megan Potter of the Abilene Animal Hospital will present "Failure to Thrive: The Effect of Vitamin D at Processing."

Joe Kerns of Risk Assessment and Management, Ames, Iowa, will present, "Global Grain and Livestock Outlook: How it Will Impact You."

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Friday

1:52 a.m. — Semi with all the lights on at Truck Town. Shut everything off; did not see any damage.

5:46 a.m. — Walk-through at Walmart.

6:50 a.m. — Caller reported violation of protection from abuse order. Report filed.

11:06 a.m. — City Hall advised of third party report of dead rabbit in curb line in the 1300 block of W. Fifth. Disposed of.

12:56 p.m. — Caller reported juvenile daughter did not return home last night. Spoke to parent and juvenile; all OK

2:02 p.m. — Clerk reported male transient has been asked to stay off premises, and has not.

2:10 p.m. — Caller received possible Jamaican scam call. Provided information.

3:35 p.m. — Caller reported door kicked in yesterday evening. Spoke to reporting party; no report wanted, he will contact landlord.

4:56 p.m. — Caller reported woman driving a vehicle with infant on lap in the 400 block of W. Fifth. Not found.

6:07 p.m. — Caller wanted officer to stop brother from throwing reporting party's belongings out. All OK; was civil matter.

7:40 p.m. — Helped Colby ambulance.

11:30 p.m. — Secured building at Fike Park.

Saturday

1:27 a.m. — Caller reported of loud music in Friendly Acres. Not found.

3:34 a.m. — Caller reported gym door open at the Colby Middle School. Secured building.

6:24 a.m. — Unlocked building at Fike Park

8:19 a.m. — Caller reported dead raccoon in roadway in the 900 block of W. Cedar. Disposed of.

10:35 a.m. — Funeral block for Harrison's Chapel to Beulah Cemetery.

12:47 p.m. — Caller reported transient laying under I-70 overpass in the 2100 block of S. Range. All OK; just resting.

1:12 p.m. — Caller reported dog at large in the 600 block S. Court. Not found.

2:57 p.m. — Caller reported pickup losing tree limbs heading north on Country Club Drive, then eastbound on Fourth. Spoke to driver at traffic stop on Landfill Road; man went and picked up limbs.

5:51 p.m. — Caller reported phone calls she was receiving. No report, just wrong person.

6:54 p.m. — Civil stand-by.

6:57 p.m. — Caller reported two dogs attacking another dog. Two

officers made contact. No report. 11 p.m. — Assisted motorist.

Sunday
1:02 a.m. — Locked restrooms at Fike Park.

1:38 a.m. — Bar check at Twist-ers.

12:48 p.m. — Caller reported two dogs loose; Officer made contact with owner

2:04 p.m. — Caller reported two dogs loose. Owner has dogs and is supposed to fix it so they don't get back out.

2:34 p.m. — Caller reported an injury accident at Cedar and School. Report filed.

7:39 p.m. — Subject called 911 wanting an ambulance for herself then called back to cancel it. All OK.

7:52 p.m. — Highway Patrol reported a grain truck with no tail lights at westbound U.S. 24 mile 59. Spoke to driver on traffic stop at Fourth and Nashville; escorted.

8:56 p.m. — Officer advised of third party report of woman being harassed. Report filed.

11:08 p.m. — Locked restrooms at Fike Park.

11:25 p.m. — Caller reported dog left in vehicle. Dog was OK, unable to locate owner.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Friday

9:20 a.m. — Provided vehicle identification number inspection for Colby Wrecking.

9:51 a.m. — Removed debris from roadway at Taft and U.S. 24.

3:17 p.m. — Caller reported new window broken inside rental residence in Rexford. Report filed.

4:25 p.m. — Helped Brewster fire department on call at eastbound I-70 mile 38.

4:34 p.m. — Stalled vehicle at eastbound I-70 mile 38 OK. Had help coming.

5:55 p.m. — Booked Devlin Lon Dempewolf.

Saturday
9:05 a.m. — Booked Cody Allen Robinson

10:35 a.m. — Helped Colby Police Department provide funeral block to Beulah Cemetery.

2:11 p.m. — Civil stand-by for subjects in Rexford.

3:11 p.m. — Provided traveler's aid.

8:15 p.m. — Assisted motorist at Nine Mile Corner.

Sunday
9:38 a.m. — Motor vehicle collision at 600 W. Adams.

2:29 p.m. — Motor vehicle collision at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 15.

5:55 p.m. — Released Devlin Lon Dempewolf.

9:59 p.m. — Subject called 911 reporting hitting two deer in roadway in the 1700 block of County Rd. 15.

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