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

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

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

Thomas County Jail

Booked into the Thomas Coun-

• Ty Layne Koon, 43, Colby,

Oct. 14, pedestrian under the in-

fluence of alcohol/drugs, criminal

trespass, disorderly conduct, Col-

by Police Department, released

• James Wade Coplin, 27, Col-

by, Oct. 14, failure to report an

accident, Colby Police, released

• 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

• Calvin Shelton Bare, 25, Col-

by, Oct. 16, possession of certain

same day with charges pending.

same day on notice to appear.

Thursday on recognizance.



Chef Alli Winter

Who's Cookin' Now?

prairie like it always does.

Below is a quick and easy version of this dessert. Unlike Ina's, this recipe calls for storepurchased 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 toasted 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

with charges pending.

• Daren Duane Guy, 40, Colby,

Jarrod Kenneth Ferguson, 32,

Oct. 16, theft, Colby Police, re-

leased same day with charges

Colby, Oct. 16, theft, Colby Po-

lice, released Oct. 18 on recogni-

• 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

last Wednesday, reckless driving,

speeding, Thomas County Sheriff,

released same day with charges

• Devlin Lon Dempewolf, 28,

Colby, Oct. 21, driving under the

influence (second offense), Thom-

Swine day early registration open to Nov. 10

Kansas State University will ice cream reception and parking Tokach and Megan Potter of the

hold Swine Day Thursday, Nov. permit. More information, includ- Abilene Animal Hospital will

17, at the K-State Alumni Cen- ing online registration is available present "Failure to Thrive: The Ef-

The cost to attend is \$25 per present "Current K-State Swine and Management, Ames, Iowa, person if paid by Nov. 10; \$35 Research to Help Improve Net will present, "Global Grain and

at the door. Registration includes Return of a Swine Business" and Livestock Outlook: How it Will

lunch, conference materials, the veterinarians Steve Henry, Lisa Impact You."

• Jaehoon Lee, 24, Emporia,

appearance bond.

hallucinogenic drugs, possession as County Sheriff/Court Services

of drug paraphernalia, Thomas of Thomas County, released Sun-

County Sheriff, released Oct. 17 day for time served.

ter at 17th and Anderson Ave. in at www.ksuswine.org.

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.

Water rights project open until Nov. 15

The Kansas Department of Ag- www.scc.ks.gov/node/11. riculture is accepting applications under the Water Right Transition Assistance Pilot Project Program (WTAP) until Tuesday, Nov. 15.

This is a voluntary, incentivebased 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

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the transition."

The program is designed to Water Resources assist.

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

"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

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

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 dam-

5:46 a.m. - Walk-through at ers.

lation 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 iuvenile; all OK

transient has been asked to stay off premises, and has not. 2:10 p.m. - Caller received pos-

sible 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

Saturday

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

door open at the Colby Middle School. Secured building. 6:24 a.m. – Unlocked building

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

12:47 p.m. - Caller reported transient laying under I-70 overpass in the 2100 block of S. Range.

Harrison's Chapel to Beulah Cem-

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

All OK; just resting.

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

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

6:54 p.m. – Civil stand-by.

dogs attacking another dog. Two Rd. 15.

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-

12:48 p.m. - Caller reported 6:50 a.m. - Caller reported vio- 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 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. 2:02 p.m. - Clerk reported male then called back to cancel it. All 7:52 p.m. - Highway Patrol reported a grain truck with no tail

> at Fourth and Nashville; escorted. 8:56 p.m. - Officer advised of third party report of woman being harassed. Report filed.

> lights at westbound U.S. 24 mile

59. Spoke to driver on traffic stop

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 3:34 a.m. - Caller reported gym fire department on call at eastbound I-70 mile 38. 4:34 p.m. - Stalled vehicle at

eastbound I-70 mile 38 OK. Had 5:55 p.m. - Booked Devlin Lon

Dempewolf. **Saturday**

9:05 a.m. - Booked Cody Allen

10:35 a.m. - Helped Colby Po-

lice 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

8:15 p.m. – Assisted motorist at

Nine Mile Corner.

9:38 a.m. - Motor vehicle colli-

sion at 600 W. Adams. 2:29 p.m. - Motor vehicle col-

lision at U.S. 24 and County Rd. 5:55 p.m. - Released Devlin

Lon Dempewolf. 9:59 p.m. - Subject called 911

reporting hitting two deer in road-6:57 p.m. – Caller reported two way in the 1700 block of County

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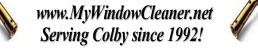
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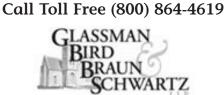
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