

Home on the range: Ree Drummond mixes old favorites with new recipes

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History is all around us, even in our food. So much of what we eat is rooted in the past, from classic pairings to traditional dishes only served on holidays. The stories behind them are part of what makes many foods so great, but, of course, that appreciation for history has to be tempered by our modern sensibilities and tastes.

You'd struggle to find anyone who appreciates that blend of old and new better than Food Network's "The Pioneer Woman" host Ree Drummond. The food writer has built her entire career out of combining her hip urban roots with her current rural ranch life, and in this week's episode, she

brings the past and the present together to celebrate the history of her husband's family.

The Drummond family's historic home is a museum these days, and in the episode airing Saturday, Feb. 23, Ree decides to make a special meal for the museum's curator, Beverly. She digs out some recipes from the home's original owner, Addie Drummond, and throws in a few of her own modern dishes to make something that blends the historic Drummonds with the modern ones.

So what's on the menu for Beverly to enjoy? Well, there's an old-fashioned chicken stew served with freshly baked brown bread. To drink, Ree whips up a refreshing grape lemonade, and for dessert, a stunning raspberry cream cake is ready to be enjoyed.

Of course, "The Pioneer Woman" isn't only about the food — it's just as much about the host's life in rural Oklahoma. With their stomachs filled to bursting, Beverly takes Ree on a tour of the house, showing off its artifacts and treasures and sharing stories about what life would have been like on the ranch back in the olden days.

Of course, "The Pioneer Woman" is just one piece of the host's culinary and lifestyle kingdom. Drummond got her start as a blogger, sharing her experiences with ranch life and all that goes with it, and she's expanded her reach with cookbooks, children's books and, of course, her TV show.

"The Pioneer Woman" woman airs Saturday mornings on Food Network.



Ree Drummond hosts "The Pioneer Woman"

cooking this week

WEDNESDAY

4:00 p.m.

KTNW tasteMAKERS Broken Arrow Ranch harvests wild game. (CC)
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Guy's dice decide the details of the chefs blue plate. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

KTNW Moveable Feast With Fine Cooking Join Dominique Crenn and Traci des Jardins for a feast. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

KTNW Lidia's Kitchen Go above and beyond with a special feast. (CC)
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Chefs getting married try to earn some cash. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

KTNW Cook's Country From America's Test Kitchen Christie Morrison makes the perfect beef lasagna. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

KTNW Pati's Mexican Table Pati makes Mexican crab cakes with jalapeño aioli. (CC)
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Chefs can only use five pounds of ingredients. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

KTNW Kevin Belton's New Orleans Kitchen Homemade granola; beef jerky; red bean hummus. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Guy's red light special, dehydrated food! (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games A gift of chocolate isn't a match for savory starters. (CC)

THURSDAY

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Simon Majumdar and Curtis Stone try to beat Bobby Flay. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay The cream of the crop take on Bobby. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Chefs David and Blake battle to face Bobby Flay. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay A smoke-house master and a Californian take on Bobby. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Bobby goes up against Amanda Freitag and Laura Vitale. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

FOOD Beat Bobby Flay Katie Lee and Laura Vitale hope to kill Bobby's record. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The competitors take on Southern classics. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The chefs encounter ingredients from land and sea. (CC)

FRIDAY

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy checks out places in San Francisco and Omaha. (CC)

4:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy's tries authentic Mexican street food. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives A food truck shuckin' and frying oysters in Vancouver. (CC)

5:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives A pizza joint a unique crepe-filled lasagne. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives A neighborhood cafe cranks out comfort food. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy pickles, smokes and cures. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy is checking out funky foods from coast to coast. (CC)

7:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy is topping off dishes with all kinds of sauce. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy Fieri visits a Longmont, Colorado restaurant. (CC)

SATURDAY

3:00 p.m.

KTNW America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated (N) (CC)
FOOD Guy's Grocery Games The market has been turned into a midway. (CC)

3:30 p.m.

KTNW A Chef's Life Vivian judges a Southern Sides competition. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Chefs find their dessert must include beef jerky. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Three teams of sweet and savory duos are tested. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

OPB The Great British Baking Show Meet the 12 bakers as they tackle a popular cake. (CC)

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives In San Francisco, a Triple-G competitor. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy stops in small towns to dig in big-time eats. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

KTNW The Great British Baking Show The bakers are tested on all kinds of pastries. (CC)

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy cruises the islands with his buddy Chef Henriques. (CC)

7:30 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Guy Fieri's grabbing everything from brunch to burgers! (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Visit a Vietnamese sandwich shop in Salt Lake City. (CC)

SUNDAY

3:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship The bakers make sweets look like tacos and bagels. (CC)

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship Duff and Valerie announce a savory twist. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship One kid baker will be crowned Kids Baking Champion. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Worst Cooks in America The boot camp is turned into a carnival. (CC)

6:30 p.m.

KVEW Chance of Wine

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Three pairs of twins team up. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Guy's Grocery Games Three GGG winners compete against Alex Guarnaschelli. (CC)

MONDAY

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship The bakers are challenged to look at lunch a new way. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship The kids make desserts with freeze-dried ingredients.

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship The kid bakers create cereal treat sand castles. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship The championship finale coincides with an anniversary. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Kids Baking Championship: Extra Icing Bakers must create a tart with a freaky flavor. (CC)

TUESDAY

4:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Champs will return to the chopped kitchen. (CC)

5:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Amateur winners return to the Chopped kitchen. (CC)

6:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Chopped welcomes back four incredible cooking heroes. (CC)

7:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped Celebrity Chopped champions compete for a finale spot. (CC)

8:00 p.m.

FOOD Chopped The chefs find Mexican ingredients in their baskets. (CC)

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