

Elk tenderloin makes a great weekend treat



Slow Food Wallowas

Elk with bacon and blue cheese sauce

Makes 4 to 6 servings

This is a family favorite. The recipe will work with either deer or elk. I usually make mashed potatoes with it, and I always double the sauce because we end up wanting to put it on the potatoes too. [Sauce is doubled already in the recipe.] I also usually make steamed green beans with toasted almonds and butter.

—Melanie Crenshaw

Talking venison and elk with Melanie Crenshaw:

Who are the hunters in your family?

Jason and Kellen and Camille. I am not. Kellen has been doing mentor youth, so this year he finally was able to have his own tag, and he got an elk in August. Then Jason had one of those damage tags, but he wasn't able to fill it. We just were so busy that it didn't happen this year.

Where did you get this recipe?

From Jason's sister, and I can't remember where she got it, but we've shared elk meat for years. She's kind of a foodie

too, so shared it with me. It's delicious. And you know, my son [Kellen] doesn't like blue cheese, but he loves this recipe, which is kind of amazing.

- 2-pound whole elk tenderloin
- Salt and pepper
- 4-6 slices thick-cut bacon or pepper bacon
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 1 cup half and half
- 6 ounces crumbled blue cheese

Pat the roast dry and season with salt and pepper. Wrap the bacon completely around the tenderloin and secure with toothpicks. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat and sear the meat on all sides until the bacon is nicely browned. Discard some of the excess fat, add the chicken stock and cover the pan. Simmer over low heat until the tenderloin is rare to medium rare, about 125 degrees. Transfer the meat to a warm platter and cover with foil.

Place the skillet on the burner over medium-low heat and scrape up the browned bits on the bottom. Add the half and half and simmer until it is reduced and coats the back of a spoon. Stir in the cheese until it melts to make a smooth sauce. Season with pepper to taste and pour over the meat before serving.

Do you always make it with tenderloin?

I do, just because you want it really tender. It's taken me awhile to figure out



Lynne Curry

the temperature. You've got to get the bacon cooked crispy on the outside, but you don't want to overcook the meat. So, you just have to gauge how thick the tenderloin is because you know with elk it's different every time. Some tenderloin roasts are quite large and thick, and then sometimes, depending on where it is on the animal, you could have a smaller roast. I think we've just got to jump in and do it and then you start to feel more comfortable with what you're doing with meat.

Do you serve it for the holidays?

It's always on a weekend when it's just a nice evening that we don't have volleyball or basketball, late fall and win-

ter. We've never fixed it on the holidays. I think it's just the satisfaction that my family has because they were the ones that hunted. It's their animal, and I think it's just that enjoyment because it's a lot of work to go hunting. And so, to have that final finished product that you can just sit and enjoy is very satisfying.

Editor's note: Do you have a special recipe for a dish made with locally produced foods? Slow Food Wallowas encourages you to contact them. Please call Lynne Curry, chair Slow Food Wallowas 541-263-0347 for more information. Your recipe may appear in a future column!

FFA Dashboard Dinner will be Tuesday

Event to fund scholarship for Wallowa senior

Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — Tickets are now on sale for the annual FFA Alumni

Dashboard Dinner that funds scholarships at Wallowa High School, said Charissa McCulloch, one of the organizers.

The dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The \$10 tickets can be purchased at the event or early by calling the

school at 541-886-2021.

On the menu for this year's dinner are pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, broccoli salad and a cookie, McCulloch said.

Participants drive behind the Beth Johnson Room at Wallowa Elementary School, give

their tickets, receive their meals and drive on.

McCulloch said one \$1,500 scholarship is usually awarded in the spring to a graduating senior. However, she said, the donors have divided it into two scholarships, depending on who applies.

'Slaughter House' dares trick-or-treaters

By Bill Bradshaw
Wallowa County Chieftain

Trick-or-treaters are warned to beware — and be ready — come Halloween at the McNall Slaughter House and Petting Zoo at 500 Depot St. in

Enterprise.

Bodies, skulls, ghosts, skeletons and all the traditional are out in front of the house and more are coming, said Misty McNall, mistress of the house.

"I'm not done yet," she said.

McNall, who shares the house with ghostmaster Dwayne Harvey, three children and a grandchild, glowed when discussing the holiday.

"I love Halloween," she said. "It's my favorite holiday."

She dares trick-or-treaters to return on Halloween after she has completed decorations — and to get some candy.

"I'll take the grandkid to Trunk-or-Treat and leave a big bowl of candy out front," McNall said.

She said she also is setting up a website where she offers to make Halloween decorations and props — "not the cheap dollar-store stuff that blows away or melts in the rain," the site states. This service is particularly aimed at those who have difficulty decorating for themselves — and taking them down later.

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5. Duck-foot feature
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13. Tree chopper
14. "____, Nanette"
15. Mortgage, e.g.
16. Job for a musician
17. Husk
18. Inaccuracy
20. Oompah horn
22. Largest continent
24. Lump of gold
28. Soap cake
30. Interfere
32. Wait on
33. Opera melody
35. Road covering
37. Elk
38. Prepared
40. Saloon
42. Elbow site
43. Guitars' cousins
45. Surpass 21, in blackjack
47. Military division
49. Swiss call
52. School groups: abbr.
55. Perched
57. Underground chamber
58. Relax
59. Chess
60. "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
61. Acorn bearers
62. Nope's opposite
63. Transmit

CLUES DOWN

1. Give up
2. Done
3. Book minder
4. Low female voices
5. Move to and fro
6. Door sign
7. Started
8. Angered
9. Hawaiian food
10. "Holiday ____"
11. Atlantic food fish
19. Parachuter's cord
21. Commuter vehicle
23. Museum display
25. Large dog
26. At all times
27. Word
28. Thorn
29. Length x width
31. Bark
34. Adapts
36. Chafe
39. Hither's partner
41. Purchase
44. Ms. Spacek
46. Anklets
48. Seize
50. Consistent
51. Bawdy
52. Major-leaguer
53. Oolong or pekoe
54. Request
56. End

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