

Cook's Question Corner

If you are looking for a recipe but can't seem to find it anywhere, send your recipe request to Cook's Question Corner, care of Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543. There's no need to send a SASE. If we receive an answer to your question, we will publish it as soon as possible.

Answers to recipe requests should be sent to the same address.

QUESTION - Mrs. Betty Biehl, Mertztown, would like a recipe for a moist chocolate or white (or both) cake to serve 50 or more people. She would also like recipes for good cheese cakes, honey cookies and honey cake.

QUESTION - Andrew C Keener, Womelsdorf, would like a recipe for veal head soup.

QUESTION - Esther Kurtz, Elverson, would like recipes for bundt cakes.

QUESTION - Hattie Diehl, Mifflinburg, would like a recipe for making homemade soap using wood ashes.

QUESTION - Joan Young, Lititz, would like a French bread pizza recipe.

ANSWER - B.L. of Kintuersville, requested a cream of mushroom soup recipe. The following recipe comes from Dwayne Roland, Westover. The second recipe, for Mushroom Potato Soup, is from Funk's Farm Market, Millersville.

Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 teaspoon finely chopped 2 tablespoons butter 3 tablespoons flour onion 1 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon pepper 1 cup or 1/4 pound chopped 3 cups chicken consomme fresh mushrooms

Saute onion and mushrooms in butter, then add salt, pepper and flour. Stir until smooth and bubbly Add to hot chicken broth and put into jars. Process in hot water bath 3 hours. Add cream when opened and heated.

Mushroom Potato Soup

1 pound mushrooms 4 leeks (or 2 medium 1 medium onion onions) 2 tablespoons butter 3 cups raw potatoes, 4 cups chicken broth small, diced 2 cups light cream

Trim the roots and green tops from 4 leeks. Cut the leeks in half, the long way, and wash well under running water. Be sure to get all the sand out. Cut the leeks in ½inch slices; there should be about 2 cups. Peel and chop, not too fine, 1 medium onion. (If onions are substituted for leeks, chop 3 onions.)

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a 4-quart pot and cook the leeks and onions slowly, for 5 minutes, covered, stirring from time to time

Add 3 cups of diced potatoes and 4 cups of chicken broth. Cover and simmer the soup for 25 minutes Add 1 pound of whole mushrooms and simmer, covered, for 10 more minutes.

Pour 2 cups of soup into an electric blender and blend for about a minute, using highest speed. Add another cup and blend some more. Continue until all the soup is blended. The blender will have to be emptied 3 times.

After blending, there will be 2 quarts of thick soup. This will have to be thinned down to serve. It can be kept in the refrigerator longer if it is stored before adding milk or cream. This soup freezes well and if some is to be frozen, it is best to do it before thinning it down.

To prepare 4 servings, heat 3 cups of blended soup with 1 cup of milk or cream and slowly bring it to a boil. Remove from heat. If a thinner soup is desired, add more milk or cream. Store or freeze the rest.

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ANSWER - Wanda Brookhart, Liverpool, requested a recipe to can apple juice. The following information comes from "How to Can," a publication produced by the Penn State Extension Service.

Canned Apple Juice

Good quality apple juice is made from a blend of varieties. For best results, buy fresh juice from a local cider maker within 24 hours after it has been pressed.

Refrigerate juice for 24 hours. Without mixing, carefully pour off clear liquid and discard sediment. Strain clear liquid through a paper coffee filter.

To hot pack, heat juice quickly, stirring occasionally, until juice just reaches the boiling point. Fill immediately into pre-sterilized pint, quart, or half-gallon jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace. Adjust lids and process pints or quarts 5 minutes (1,000 ft. elevation), 6 minutes (1,000-2,000 ft. elevation), or 7 minutes (2,000-3,000 ft.) Process half gallons 10 minutes at (1,000 ft), 11 minutes (1,000-2,000 ft.) or 12 minutes (2,000-3,000 ft.)

Little Dutchmen **FFA**

Annville Cleona Little Dutchmen FFA captured the first place position in the area parliamentary procedure contest. This is one step on the ladder to winning the state competition for the third consecutive year.

In the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Dan Brandt placed first, Dale Balmer, third, and Tobi Winsett, fourth.

Sue Elliott placed third in the Prepared Speaking Contest and will travel to regional competition.

Mike Balmer placed eighth in the Creed Contest. During a recent meeting, members elected the following new officers: president, Daniel Brandt; vice president, Kent Hoffer; secretary, Sheila Hostetter; treasurer, Susan Elliott; reporter, Matthew Beare; sentinel, Eric Harnish; chaplain, Scott Brinser; and historian, Shaun Martin.

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