

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

That I've been busy this summer is no secret. The weather has made everything grow including the weeds. Only when my husband decided to defrost one freezer did I see all of my 200 quarts of 1992 produce in one big box. There are still peaches, pears and plums to can plus lots of corn to freeze.

After the ice was removed from the freezer, it would not restart. However, we were lucky as eventually it did run again. There are not as many locker plants as there were forty years ago. Now it is so convenient to not have to drive miles every night, that frozen food has been processed, and put it in a locker box. Then in winter one must drive again and retrieve it for

Just now I have a little helper as our 20-month-old grandson has been spending his mornings with me. When I make applesauce, he puts each quarter section in a big kettle. And, when I slice cucumbers for bread and butter pickles, he is right there to help. Yesterday we picked strawberries from Allen's ever-bearing plants. They are a nice respite from blueberries and more blueberries. The netting we used protected the buds from the birds and the bushes, which we pick from a stepladder, are loaded with berries.

This year I did not get to see fireworks on the 4th of July. Lancaster's last event to celebrate its 250th birthday was a large display of fireworks held at Long's Park. So I persuaded Allen to go along,

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SPICY ZUCCHINI **PANCAKES**

1 cup zucchini, grated and drained

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons butter

1½ cups flour

1 cup milk

½ teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon cinnamon

¼ teaspoon ginger

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Combine ingredients. Spoon onto hot griddle. Serve with favorite syrup.

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even though it was his bedtime, and we together with thousands of others enjoyed a wonderful display on a warm summer evening.

We do seem to get too bogged down with work to take advantage of such opportunities very often.

ZUCCHINI DATE PUDDING LOAF

1/2 cup milk

1 cup zucchini, pureed

teaspoon vanilla

1 cup flour

3 % cup sugar

½ teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

½ teaspoon cinnamon ½ teaspoon allspice

½ cup raisins

½ cup chopped dates

½ cup chopped nuts

Combine milk, zucchini, and vanilla. Sift together dry ingredients and add to zucchini mixture. Add raisins, dates, and nuts. Pour into greased and floured 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 75 minutes.

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CONFETTI ZUCCHINI RELISH

10 cups chopped zucchini

4 cups chopped onion

5 tablespoons salt

1 sweet red pepper, chopped green pepper, chopped

3 cups sugar 2 tablespoons cornstarch

3 teaspoons turmeric

2 teaspoons dry mustard

2 teaspoons celery seed

½ teaspoon pepper

2½ cups cider vinegar

Combine zucchini, onion, and salt; let stand overnight. Rinse and drain well. Place in a large kettle with remaining ingredients; cook until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Do not overcook. Pack hot into hot jars leaving 1/4 -inch headspace; adjust caps. Process 10 minutes in a boiling water bath. Yields 16 half pints.

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Cook's Question

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ANSWER — Deirdre Kirby wanted a lemon bar recipe. Thanks to Barbara Peachey, McAlisterville, for sending one.

Lemon Cream Cheese Bars

11/2 cups flour

½ cup brown sugar

1/2 cup butter or margarine

Mix together flour, sugar, and butter until crumbed. Reserve 1 cup crumbs for topping. Mix 1 teaspoon water with remaining crumbs and press in bottom of 8-inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Filling:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup sugar, beat until smooth Add:

1 egg

2 tablespoons milk

4 teaspoons lemon juice

½ teaspoon vanilla

Beat together, spread over crust, sprinkle the 1 cup crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

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