

## Traditional Irish stew

(cook & prep time, approx. 2 hours 40 minutes)

#### You'll need...

2 tbsp vegetable oil 1 lb mutton or lamb bone removed, cut into 2 inch pieces

2lb potatoes peeled and cut into quarters

1 cup onion roughly chopped

1 cup leeks cleaned and finely sliced

1 cup carrots roughly chopped

3 cups dark beef stock

3 cabbage leaves thinly sliced (optional) Salt and pepper to taste

#### To create...

Preheat oven to 350 F

- → In a large frying pan heat 1 tbsp vegetable oil until hot but not smoking. Add half of the lamb and brown all over. When browned place lamb into a large roasting pan. Cover with half of the potatoes, onions, leeks and carrots.
- Repeat step one.
- → Add the stock, cover with a tight fitting lid and cook in oven for 1 hour. Add cabbage, replace lid and cook for another hour Check from time to time to make sure stock isn't reducing too much. If it is add a little boiling water. The meat and vegetables should always be covered by liquid. If sauce is to runny at end cook a little longer with lid removed.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.

# Surprise Cake

#### You'll need...

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour 1 cup white sugar 1/3 cup cocoa 1/2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 cup water

2/3 cup Hellmann's mayonnaise 2 tsp vanilla

### To create...

Preheat oven to 350 F

- → Sift flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a mixing bowl.
- Add water, mayonnaise and vanilla; beat until well blended and smooth.
- Pour into 2 lined and greased 8" layer cake pans. Bake for 30-35 minutes.
- Cool in pans for 10 minutes then remove and complete cooling on rack frost as desired

### **Chocolate Butter Cream Icing**

Place 1/3 cup softened butter in a mixing bowl, beat until creamy.

Add ½ cup icing sugar, beat until blended. Stir in 1/3 cup cocoa, 1 ½ cups icing sugar 1 tsp vanilla, 2 tbsp milk

Beat until creamy and smooth. Spread on completely cooled cake.

NOTE: This cake has no eggs, so be sure to use ONLY real mayonnaise

## Ham with Mustard and Brown Sugar Glaze

#### You'll need...

1 5lb fully cooked ham 1/4 cup whole cloves 1 can pineapple slices (reserve juice 1 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup prepared mustard

#### To create...

Preheat oven to 350 F

- → Place ham in a roasting pan. Dot with cloves and place pineapple slices on ham (secure with tooth picks)
- → In a saucepan combine the pineapple juice with the brown sugar and mustard. Stir and simmer medium over heat until thickened. Pour glaze over ham.
- Bake ham uncovered for 1 hour.
- Tip for easier clean up line roasting pan with aluminum foil sprayed with Pam cooking spray.

Recipes provided Mary's Country Diner

