Pumpkin, Spice, and Everything Nice

by ANGELA SHELF MEDEARIS

in the produce section are dominated by dark vibrant

greens, warm yellows and rich orange pumpkin colors.

Pumpkins are the ambassadors of fall, ushering in the holiday season with its cooler days and longer nights.

was introduced to the Pilgrims by Native American In-

dians. Pumpkins provide a hefty source of vitamin A, as

well as being one of the tastiest forms of good-for-you

fiber. The gorgeous orange color indicates significant

amounts of beta carotene, also found in carrots, beets

and sweet potatoes. Pumpkin seeds are rich in protein,

minerals and fiber. They also possess a rich buttery taste

that lends itself well to pestos, salad toppings or as a

this modern version of Shepherd's Pie. You can make

this crowd-pleaser in a baking dish or ramekins ahead

of time and reheat it. Time in the refrigerator allows

the spices to infuse the dish and the flavors to deepen.

Harvest Shepherd's Pie is a wonderful way to celebrate

HARVEST SHEPHERD'S PIE

1 pound peeled, cubed Yukon Gold or Russet

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I like using pumpkin to update traditional recipes like

The pumpkin plant originated in Central America and

I know that harvest time is here when the colors

Kitchen Diva

healthy snack.

fall!

Community News

Mail announcements to The Estill Tribune, 6135 Winchester Road, Irvine, KY 40336 Call (606) 723-5012; Fax to (606) 723-2743; or E-mail it to <News@EstillTribune.Com>

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Nov. 5-17

Paraeducator (Teacher's Aid) Classes

Learning Center will offer vember 17th. However, if you paraeducator (teacher's aide) know that you cannot attend classes during the month of all the classes, do not allow November.

you to work as a teacher's aide staff understands that everyone not only in Estill County but is very busy; therefore, we will also in school systems across attempt to work around your Kentucky.

These classes will be ofthey will begin on November *teacher's aide*.

The Estill County Adult 5th and continue through Nothis fact to prevent you from This certification will allow signing up for the training. Our

other obligations. Note: If you have 48 colfered on Tuesdays and Thurs- lege credits, you do not need days from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.; this certification to work as a

Thursday, November 12th @ 5:30pm Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna

5:30 p.m. at Michael's Res- Irvine Cemetery mowing. taurant. Activities will inplans for the Farm-City Ban- and one community at a quet on November 19.

Donations given by the members.

The Kiwanis Club of Ir- club in October went to vine-Ravenna will meet Ravenna Railroad Festival, Thursday, November 12 at Jackie Miller fund, and Old

Persons dedicated to imclude a program and making proving the world one child time are welcome to become

CHURCH NEV

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Sunday, November 15th @ 5pm **Community Thanksgiving Meal**

nity Thanksgiving Meal" at food runs out) Calvary Baptist Church, 21 Glory Street, Irvine, on Sun-free Thanksgiving Meal day November 15, 2015 from

There will be a "Commu- 5 p.m. 'till 6:30 p.m. (or until

Please come join us for a

Tuesday, November 24th @ 7pm **Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Estill County Min- given each of us throughout isterial Association will be the year. munity Thanksgiving Service will follow the service. Bro. 2015, at 7 p.m. the Irvine First Church of the preaching that evening. Nazarene, 280 Broadway, Irvine. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, as many blessings that He has (517) 719-2238.

sponsoring the annual Com- A Thanksgiving-type meal on Tuesday, November 24, Greg and Sherri Humpert will be providing the special mu-The service will be held at sic and Bro. Humpert will be All area churches and their congregations are encouraged to attend this special event.

Thursday, November 12th, 1-2pm Holiday Grief Workshop II

work staff will provide tips & hospice@hospicecp.org.

Holiday Grief Workshop. tools to help the bereaved get Thursday, November 12, through the holiday season. 2015, 1-2 p.m., at the Com- The workshop is free and regpassionate Care Center in istration is not required. For Richmond. Hospice Care questions, contact Hospice Plus bereavement and social Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or

Friday, November 13th, 6-8pm **Estill Appalachian Dulcimers**

The Estill County Appala- chian Dulcimer or anyone Friday, November 6th and one is welcome to attend. every Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church, was designated as the official Main Street, Irvine, for any- state instrument of Kentucky one who plays an Appala- in 2001.

chian Dulcimer Club meets who is interested in playing The Appalachian Dulcimer

Tuesday, November 17th @ 6:30pm Estill County Lions Club

The Estill County Lions national, with 1.35 million Club will meet Tuesday, No- members in 205 countries vember 17 and on the first and around the world. We invite third Tuesday of every monthat those who feel a call to make Raders' River Restaurant. The our community a better place meal is at 6:30 p.m. and busi- through service to attend and ness meeting begins at 7 p.m. learn about how Lions around

Estill County Lions Club the world earn our motto, "We

is part of Lions Club Inter- Serve

Monday, November 30th, 8:30-4:30

Christmas At The Outlet Shoppes

Shoppes of the Bluegrass for point around 4:30 p.m. a day of Christmas shopping.

for tour groups; free coupon RCP will provide snacks. books for the whole group. There are restaurants and serve your seat is November food courts at the mall.

Mark your calendar for No- at 8:30 a.m., you will have 5 vember 30th and join River hours to spend at the shoppes, City Players at the Outlet and arrive back at the pick-up The trip is \$30 per person,

13th. Call Bobby at 723-2254,

Payment and deadline to re-

special deals and discounts the "Save the Mack" fund.

1 1/2 pounds peeled cubed baking pumpkin,

For the meat filling: 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 cup chopped onion

potatoes

2 carrots, peeled and diced small

butternut or kabocha squash

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 pounds ground lamb or ground beef
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon ground poultry seasoning
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg or cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/4 cup half-and-half
- 2 ounces unsalted butter

Wombles Transportation's Myra at 723-4238, Susan at motor coach will depart Irvine 723-5755 to book your seat. Saturday, December 5th, 10am

Christmas Parade & 35th Annual **Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party**

The Christmas Parade and of \$75, \$50, and \$25 for first, the 35th annual Elizabeth second and third place respec-Witt Christmas Party will be tively for the most attractive held Saturday, December 5, floats. 2015. The parade will begin in Ravenna at 10 a.m. and Witt's party committee hope proceed on Broadway to the to make this a special day for Irvine First Christian Church, children, age 12 and under, of 270 Main Street, where the Estill County. To register en-Elizabeth Witt Christmas Par- tries in the parade contact Tom ty will be held.

The Outlet Shoppes offer with \$10 going directly into

For any more information, together we celebrate God's contact Pastor Curt Napier at

Sundays, 10, 11 & 6 and Wed. @ 7pm **High Street Full Gospel Church**

High Street Full Gospel days at 7 p.m. Church is having services on Sundays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. ley. and 6 p.m., and on Wednes-

The pastor is David Woos-Everyone is welcome!

Sundays @ 10am and Wed. @ 6 & 7 Ivory Hill Baptist Church

and the congregation of Ivory ing worship at 11:00 a.m. Hill Baptist Church would like to invite you to our ser- to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and vices on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday school begins at

Evangelist Mike Hetrick 10:00 a.m. followed by morn-

Youth worship runs from 6 Wednesday night adult prayer meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



All groups, churches, fire ard Snowden at 723-2135, or organizations are invited to participate in the parade by entering a float, band, marching group, antique car, or other related parade unit. Prizes from the Kiwanis Club of Irvine-Ravenna will be awarded for the floats in the amount

departments, businesses, and Tom/ Francine Bonny at 723-5694. Contributions from the

Whitaker at 723-7232, Rich-

The Kiwanis Club and Mrs.

community are necessary for the party to continue. Donations can be made to the "Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party" at Citizen's Guaranty Bank.

cost of a 10' x 10' space will

be \$15 for Estill Arts Council

members and \$20 for non-

an additional \$10. For more

Proceeds from the event

will be used to support the

Saturday, December 5th, 10am-4pm Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

The 12th annual "Christmas encouraged. Area artists and craftsmen

Arts & Crafts Show" will be Sat., Dec. 5 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. can get an application form from the Citizens Guaranty at the Central Office Gymnasium, 253 Main Street in Ir-Bank (River Drive), Estill vine. The Estill Arts Council County Public Library, or will offer unique gifts for sale Ravenna Greenhouse. The from local artists and craftsmen, live entertainment, free children arts activities, a silent auction of arts and crafts Estill Arts Council members items, concession stand with before Nov. 7. Entries postchili and hot dogs, and 50/50 marked after Nov. 7 will be pot.

Only original artwork, handinformation call 606 723-4678 made crafts, and baked goods or 606 723-5694. (individually wrapped) are eligible for entry. No canned goods can be sold unless home activities and programs of the based processing has been ap-Estill Arts Council. proved. Demonstrations are

Card of Thanks

The family of Ona Mae (Osborne) Clair would like to thank family and friends and all the kind people who have been with us at this sad time in our lives.

We would personally like to thank the following: the first responders at Estill County EMS; Marcum & Wallace Hospital ER staff; attending staff at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; the wonder people at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond; the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home and staff, Pastor Willie Gordon of Ravenna Church of God for conducting a wonderful celebration of life service, Watts Funeral Home of Jackson, Kentucky, for providing burial services, and a special thanks to Vada Combs of Irvine.

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 egg yolk

1/2 cup shredded Parmesan or Cheddar Cheese, optional

1. Heat oven to 400 F with a rack in the top third of oven. Put pumpkin and potatoes on a greased rimmed baking sheet. Roast pumpkin and potatoes, covered with aluminum foil, until tender when pierced with a fork, 20-25 minutes.

2. While pumpkin and potatoes are cooking, prepare filling. Place the oil into a 12-inch saute pan and set over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the onion and carrots, and saute just until they begin to take on color, about 3-4 minutes. Add garlic and stir to combine. Add the ground lamb or ground beef, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning, and cook until browned, approximately 3-5 minutes.

3. Sprinkle the meat with flour and toss to coat, continuing to cook for another minute. Add the tomato paste, nutmeg or cloves, cayenne pepper, chicken broth and Worcestershire, and stir to combine. Bring to boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer slowly 10-12 minutes, stirring once or twice until the sauce is slightly thickened. Add frozen peas to meat mixture and spread evenly into an 11 by 7inch glass baking dish, or divide evenly into ramekins.

4. Place the cooked pumpkin and the potatoes into a large bowl, and mash together until well-combined. Put half-and-half and butter into a microwave-safe container, and heat in microwave until warmed through, about 35 seconds. Add the warm half-and-half mixture, salt and pepper, and continue to mash until smooth. Stir in egg yolk until well-combined.

5. Top the baking dish or the ramekins containing the meat and vegetable mixture with the mashed pumpkin and potatoes. Start around the edges of the dish to create a seal to prevent the mixture from bubbling up, and smooth with a rubber spatula. Sprinkle with shredded cheese, if desired.

6. Place the baking dish or ramekins on a parchment or foil-lined half sheet pan on the middle oven rack and bake for 25 minutes, or just until the topping begins to brown and bubble around the edges. Remove to a cooling rack for at least 15 minutes before serving.

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