

"Gaelic Ale" Smoked Shepherd's Pie

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SERVES: 6

INGREDIENTS:

- □ 3 Ibs. Yukon Gold potatoes, *cubed*
- \Box 1½ yellow onions, diced
- □ 6 cloves garlic, minced
- \Box 1 lb. ground beef (or ground venison)
- □ 2¼ cups tomato sauce
- □ 6 cups Laura Lynn frozen vegetable blend (32 oz. bag)
- □ 1 cup Highland Gaelic Ale (or your favorite dark beer)



- □ 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- \Box 1½ tsp. fresh thyme
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. pepper
- □ 1 stick butter
- \Box 1 cup milk
- □ 2¼ cups cheddar cheese, shredded

DIRECTIONS:

- □ 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil for the potatoes. Let heat while cooking the meat mixture.
- □ 2. In a large skillet, cook the onion until translucent, then add garlic and ground meat. Cook until browned, then drain off grease.
- □ 3. Add tomato sauce and vegetable blend and cook over medium heat 4-5 minutes, stirring often.
- □ 4. Add Gaelic Ale, Worcestershire sauce, thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Boil until liquid has reduced by half and thickened (about 15 minutes).
- □ 5. Add the potatoes to the boiling water and cook for 15-20 minutes until soft, but not mushy. Drain and cool. Mash potatoes with the butter and milk then salt and pepper to taste.
- \Box 6. Preheat the smoker (or oven) to 350°F.
- □ 7. Once meat mixture is done and potatoes are mashed, divide meat between two casserole dishes then top with mashed potatoes then shredded cheese.
- □ 8. Bake until golden brown and cheese is melted (30-45 minutes).



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