

Creative Cooking From The Chowan Herald Kitchen

By Mildred Huskins
 "Summertime and the livin' is easy"....and we would like to add that the cooking can also be easy. It is time to get out and clean up the grill for this is National Hot Dog Month. You probably already know that the whole family can be involved in the preparation of dinner when we cook on the grill. The man of the house takes special pride in how well he can start the charcoal and make the decision

when the coals are right for the steak, the hamburgers, the barbecue chicken or the hot dogs. The kids really go for it! If you ask the question: "What would you like for dinner (supper)?" more than likely the shout would be for hamburgers or hot dogs. Those are the favorites. Surveys by the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council show that hot dogs are served in 95% of America's homes, which is a sure

sign that they are an All-American favorite year around. The busiest booth at the local festival is the one serving hot dogs on a bun. In our town we once had a tiny food counter cafe which specialized in serving hot dogs and the hefty owner became known as the best hot dog cooker in town and his counter was forever crowded. Too bad that little place closed when the chef-owner became disabled and could

no longer serve "the best hot dogs in town."
 How about planning a combo of sausages on the grill this evening? Search the supermarket for various sausages...bratwurst, brotwurst, knackwurst, kielbasa and hot dogs all are ideal grill-mates.

Using marinades or brushing sauces on the sausages will easily add a gourmet flavor, as will smoking them over hickory or mesquite chips. For other interesting smoked flavorings, whole sage leaves, mint or bay leaves may be laid on the sausages, on the grill or even skewered between chunks of sausage.

On the grill or on the table, continue to dress-up your sausage favorites with such extras as shredded cheese or kraut salad and serve on a crusty roll, sour dough bread or in a pita pocket for variety.

Celery Seed Honey Sauce

Blend 1/2 cup pineapple juice with 2 teaspoons cornstarch; stir in 1/4 cup honey, 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds, and dash of paprika. Heat slowly until sauce thickens. Brush on sausages.

Ginger Basting Sauce

6 small ginger snaps, crushed
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup white vinegar
 1 cup hot water
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 small orange, thinly sliced
 1/2 cup pineapple juice
 Combine all ingredients in saucepan and bring to boil. Simmer 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Brush on sausages.

Herb Marinade

1/2 cup oil
 2 teaspoons oregano
 1/8 teaspoon each nutmeg, thyme and marjoram
 1 garlic clove, cut in half
 Combine all ingredients. Add sausages and marinate overnight in the refrigerator.

(Note: Raw or fresh sausage to be cooked on grill or broiled may be marinated in beer, overnight in the refrigerator, before the picnic. Drain and pack in plastic bag; keep chilled until time to cook.)

Don't forget snack time. To a growing number of health-conscious people snack time means nibbling on a nutritious sausage stick. These are made of natural ingredients and are high in protein content. As a ready-to-eat food, meat sticks are more than just a snack, they add a new dimension to outdoor eating.

Vacuum packaged sausage sticks can be conveniently taken on a hike, picnic or to a ballgame without worry of spoiling. Several years ago when sausage sticks were introduced, beef was the primary flavor. Today flavors abound, ranging from spicy hot and teriyaki to cheddar, nacho, onion, pizza and other ethnic flavorings. Though smoked dry sausage sticks are still the favorite, other styles offered include summer sausage, pepperoni, hard salami and landjaeger.

Hand the kids a sausage stick while they wait for dinner-on-the-grill.



DeeAnn M. Morris

Fashion Show Participant

DeeAnn M. Morris, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse A. Morris Jr. represented Chowan County in the 1985 Fashion Show held in Reidsville N.C. the weekend of May 3-5 at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp.

After arriving on Friday, DeeAnn had the privilege of meeting several new people as well as seeing some old acquaintances.

On Sunday, the contestants put on their "Fashion Notes" skits to show off their talents as well as their outfits. Immediately following, they announced the top 30 winners in the state. Although DeeAnn didn't win, she was still honored that she was chosen to represent Chowan county on the state level.



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I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast; for all is vanity.

All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

Ecclesiastes Chapter 3, Verses 18-22

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