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MAIN DISH RECIPE:

Hunter's Pie

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From Harding Smith & Sean Doherty of The Mountain Room in Bethel & The Rooms in Portland

Serves 4-6, Cook time approx. 30 min

Ingredients:

1 lb ground venison, wild game, or domestic red meat

1 Tb tomato paste

2 c beef stock or bone broth

1/4 c each diced onion, carrot, and celery
1 c mixed sliced wild mushrooms

2 tsp dried thyme

3 c your best mashed potatoes made with plenty of butter, milk, s &p

1 c cheddar curds or your favorite cheese, grated

3 Tbl/.25 oz pork fat or bacon

¹/₄ c flour Salt & Pepper to taste

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 F

- 1. In a large saute pan, brown meat in rendered bacon fat or your choice of oil over medium heat
- 2. Add tomato paste and stir until combined
- 3. Add vegetables & herbs, and cook until softened. Add mushrooms.
- 4. Continue cooling until mushrooms have given up all their liquid, then add all of the flour
- 5. Stir to completely coat everything. Add the stock ½ c at a time, removing any clumps
- 6. Bring to a simmer and allow to cook for 15 minutes. Season with salt & pepper.
 - **Optional: add a dash of your favorite vinegar for complexity.
- 7. Spread evenly into a greased 7x11 or 8x8 dish/pan.
- 8. Top with mashed potatoes, completely covering the mix.
- 9. Bake 30 minutes, uncovered and serve right from oven.