Prepare for mouthwatering aromas and tastes in your neighborhood

By Sharon Stone

May 16 is National Barbecue Day. The purist in the world of barbecue either uses charcoal, wood or gas and slow cooks the meat of choice over indirect heat. While the type of meat and seasonings vary, each part of the country specializes in their own flavors and sauces.

For example, more tangy BBQ with a vinegar base can be found in North Carolina. South Carolina leans toward a sweeter sauce. The sauce can be applied thick or thin, giving it more of a glaze. Turn up the heat by adding spices and peppers.

Smoking meat is another way to add flavor and tenderness, too. Unique ingredients come from ketchup, mustard and Worcestershire, brown sugar, See BARBECUE DAY on 34

Today, Sunday, May 16 is National Barbeque Day. With an endless number of foods, recipes and tips, you’re bound to create the perfect meal for your family.
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soy, and molasses. But you never know what combination of spices a barbecue master has in his or her repertoire. They’ve spent years perfecting their trade.

Pork is the original barbecue meat, but beef, chicken, lamb, and other meats find their way into barbecue.

If you think it’s just about the meat, you’d be wrong. The sides are just as important when it comes to good barbecue. An ideal coleslaw will pair well with a shredded BBQ pork and make the perfect sandwich. The macaroni and cheese, potatoes and BBQ baked beans—these are all staples of barbecue flavors.

If you’re looking for a unique grill or smoker, check out Great Lakes Grills in Fenton Township.

Carl Jones, 40, of Fenton had some tips he’s learned over his 15 years grilling/smoking.

He said, “Prepping the meat beforehand is a big deal. I put meat on smokers way more than the grill, so salting (brining/marinading) it overnight and letting the salt break down the proteins some works wonders. What you do with the meat before it ever hits the cooking surface is important.”

For smokers, Jones said he uses two brands, a Weber Smokey Mountain Cooker and Motor City Smokers’ V8 model. As to the spices he likes to use, Jones said when he doesn’t mix his own rub, he likes to use Stubb’s rubs and sauces. “Otherwise, I’m normally mixing garlic powder, salt, pepper, sugar, paprika with a splash of something else.

When asked what meat and side dishes are his favorite to grill or smoke, he said pork shoulder for pulled pork is his favorite. “I also love doing whole chickens.”

One of his low-key favorites is a fire roasted salsa when he makes pulled pork tacos. He uses tomatoes, onions, jalapeños, cut and charred on a grill. He then throws in cilantro and squeeze of lime over it.

Phil Canup, owner of Beale Street Smokehouse BBQ in Fenton said they’re pretty traditional and “low and slow.” He makes sure he uses the highest quality meats and sauce ingredients. “We’re always looking for new ideas,” he said. One important thing, as a restaurant, is to be consistent with their offerings.

Robin Clark, the deli manager at Alpine Marketplace in Linden said Alpine BBQs slabs of ribs the third Thursday of the month. Their next event is May 20. They have a package deal of a slab of ribs, a 2-liter bottle of pop, garlic bread and salad.

She said customers have told her that they could smell the BBQ a mile down the road. When asked what makes their ribs so good, she said, “The secret is the cook.”

On a typical Thursday, she said they sell about 800 slabs of ribs. There have been occasions when they sold nearly 1,000. People can preorder their ribs or just show up in person between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. She said they use a blend of Sweet Baby Ray’s sauce and apple juice to season their ribs.

Holly Foods also does BBQ rib events. They announced their next one on June 10.

Bill Lowery, a competition BBQ pitmaster and Billy Joes BBQ catering owner with business partner Joe Wood, offers tips. Lowery said ribs are their specialty.

Lowery said always remove the membrane on the bone side of the ribs. This creates a much more pleasant bite. Do not over season your ribs with rub. When you apply the rub, do so with a slow and steady hand. “You want the pork flavor to be the star and the rub to only compliment the pork, not overpower it,” he said.

When applying sauce do so at the end of the cook and put the ribs back on the grill for 5-10 minutes longer to allow the sauce to set up.

“This to me is the most important tip, always cook your ribs indirectly,” Lowery said. “Meaning, keep the heat source to the other side of the grill and allow the ambient heat to do the cooking. This takes much longer to cook but is so worth the wait. My preferred method is smoking ribs, using nothing but wood.”
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1  2  3
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Answer

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Betty Jane Storey
1929 – 2021

Betty Jane Storey - age 92, of Fenton, died Thursday, May 6, 2021. Services will be held 1 PM Friday, May 21, 2021 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton. Interment in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of the service at 1 PM on Friday May 21. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Medical Team Hospice. Jane was born March 19, 1929 in Flint, the daughter of Ray Voltenburg and Mary (Routzon) Voltenburg. She was a graduate of Grand Blanc High School. Jane married Robert Storey, the love of her life, on November 12, 1949 in Flint; he preceded her in death April 24, 1993. She worked at A&P Grocery in Fenton for years retiring in 1984. Jane was involved with the State Bank and great-grandchildren. Surviving are daughters, Carol (William) Crova of Shelby Township, Marsha (Edward) Hamil of MN; granddaughters, Jennifer Christel of MN, Mary (Patrick) Clor of Rochester, Karen Crova of CT; great-grandchildren, Ella Clor and Garrett Clor; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Robert and Merle; sisters, Eva Threlkeld, Nellie Tilley, Doris Frasier, Valetta Calder and Neoma Burleson. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Paul Alan Sheerin
1938 – 2021

Paul Alan Sheerin – age 83 of Grand Blanc passed away on Monday, May 10, 2021. A Funeral Mass was held at 11 AM on Friday, May 14, 2021 at St. Michael Catholic Church of Maple Grove. Burial followed at St. Michael’s Cemetery. Visitation took place from 10 AM until the service. Paul was born on March 8, 1938 to George L. and Hazel Marie (Bovay) Sheerin in Flint. He graduated from Flint Central High School and attended Delta College. Paul served in the United States Army from 1958 - 1962. He married the love of his life, Agatha L. O’Hare on June 11, 1966 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church; they celebrated 54 years of marriage last year. Paul loved water sports, skiing, sports cars, and Harley Davidson motorcycles. Paul is survived by his wife, Agatha Sheerin; their sons, Craig (Julia) Sheerin, Jon Sheerin, and Terry Sheerin; and grandchildren, Alec, Caroline, and Madilyn. He is predeceased by his parents; and his sister, Sue Taylor. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McGeehanFH.com.

Joshua Hurand


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Lonnie Hector - age 64, died May 9, 2021. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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