## White Lace Inn Cherry Almond Cream Cheese French Toast

Ingredients: I loaf white bread 4 cupfrozen Door County cherries rinsed and drained\* 16 oz. softened cream cheese I cup sugar - divided 2 teaspoons almond extract - divided 1/2 loaf french bread 7 eggs 1 1/2 cups milk 1 1/2 cups half & half 1/4 cup powdered sugar

I cup sliced almonds

## Directions:

Cut the loaf of white bread into cubes. Place the cubes into a greased 9x13 pan. Spread the cherries over the bread. Microwave the cream cheese to soften it. Add 1/2 cup sugar and I teaspoon almond extract to cream cheese. Spread over cherries. Cut ten 1" slices of French bread, place the slices over the cherries. Beat the eggs well, add the remaining 1/2 c. sugar, I tsp. almond extract, the milk, and cream and beat again. Pour the egg and milk mixture over the French bread slices. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Preheat the oven to 350°. Bake covered with tinfoil for 40-50 minutes, then uncovered for last 10 minutes to brown slightly. Let set for about 10 minutes. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar and sliced almonds before slicing. \*If fresh cherries are not available, substitue cherry pie filling. Makes 10 servings. Enjoy!

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