Owners of Abita Brew Pub feature brewery's beers, original recipes

By CHERISHA GOHNER

ABITA SPRINGS — People shouldn't be afraid to subtract beer for water in their recipes, Vuna Eased said.

"We use beer in 75 percent of what we cook," at Abita Brew Pub. "It's a big part of our cooking. We love using beer on our dishes. It's a big part of what we do."

Eased and her husband, Martin Eased, have owned the business since 1996.

Chef Maris Eased said he uses "buckwheat" pancakes with Abita Amber beer. "It's like taking white wine to disguise the pan."

A special event is the "Brewer's Breakfast Club" served with fried tomatoes and topped with Florida Abita Beer. "It's a great way to start the day," he said.

The fall season is the perfect time to use Abita Beer, Maris Eased said, in her menu at Abita Brew Pub.

Abita, Brew Pub Co., owns the brew pub about two miles after meeting their family. It's a large facility on 11 acres.

Eased said, "We are a family business. We love being in the community."

Eased also vouched for the original recipe and beer in the kitchen.

"We have a recipe with Abita Beer," Maris Eased said. "We love it. It's a big part of our cooking."

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