

Asparagus Onion Casserole

1 lb. fresh asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces

2 medium onions, sliced

5 tablespoons <u>butter</u>, divided

2 tablespoons <u>flour</u>

1 cup milk or 1 cup half-and-half

1 package cream cheese, cubed

1 teaspoon <u>salt</u> and <u>pepper</u>

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup soft breadcrumbs

Directions

- 1. In a skillet, sauté asparagus and onions in butter, until crisp-tender.
- 2. Transfer to a 1-1/2 qt.
- 3. greased baking dish.
- 4. In a saucepan, melt 2T butter.
- 5. Stir in flour until smooth; gradually add milk.
- 6. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes., or until thickened, reduce heat.
- 7. Add cream cheese, salt and pepper; stir until cheese is melted.
- 8. Pour over the veggies.
- 9. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese.
- 10. Melt remaining butter; toss with breadcrumbs.
- 11. Sprinkle over casserole.
- 12. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees, for 35-40 minutes, or until heated through