

Spelling Bee Winners

Vernonia School District students attended the County Spelling Bee in St. Helens. Congratulations to Bowen Cottini - 3rd Place Elementary Division, Isabelle Admire - 2nd Place and Kaitlyn Eyrrick - 1st Place High School Division!



Pictured above are Megan Cottini-parent, Zeb Burkland-5th grade, Bowen Cottini-4th grade, Camrin Eyrrick-parent, Larissa Vandehey-8th grade, Gabriella McAdams-8th grade, Josh Admire-parent, Isabelle Admire-11th grade, and Kaitlyn Eyrrick-12th grade.

An Unusual Culinary Column

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Morel & Asparagus Over Toast

- Ingredients:**
- 1 Cup ricotta cheese, room temperature
 - Salt & pepper to taste
 - 2 Tablespoons salted butter
 - 1 Tablespoon olive oil
 - 10 Ounces fresh asparagus, ends removed
 - 4 Ounces of morel mushrooms
 - ½ Cup broth, or chicken stock
 - 3 Tablespoons heavy cream
 - 1 Tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
 - 1 Teaspoon fresh lemon juice
 - 4 Farm fresh eggs
 - 4 Slices crusty bread, I used my homemade sour dough

Directions:
Mix the ricotta with the salt & pepper then set aside. In a large skillet on medium high heat, melt the butter then add the olive oil and asparagus. Cook for one minute. Add the mushrooms,

broth and bring to a simmer. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Remove the lid and add the cream and cook until it reduces and thickens. Add the parsley, lemon juice and salt & pepper. In a separate pan, fry your egg to your liking and toast the bread. Spread the toasted bread with ricotta cheese, top with asparagus and mushrooms. Put the fried egg on top and drizzle with the cream mixture.

Note – Store asparagus in your refrigerator upright with the stems submerged in water. You trim one at a time by simply holding the stalk with both hands and gently bending, it will naturally snap where the stalk becomes tender.

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Ely Signs with Linn-Benton CC



Vernonia High School senior Megan Ely has signed to play women's basketball at Linn-Benton Community College for the 2017-18 season. Ely will be dual enrolled and live in the dorms at Oregon State University in Corvallis while attending most classes at Linn-Benton. Ely is pictured with her mother Susan, Roadrunners Head Coach Debbie Herrold, and her father Jeff.



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