

Growers, producers sweeten premium list for county cooks Show off your talent at the fair

Oregon growers and producers have sweetened the premium list for Morrow County cooks this year, offering special premiums for contests at the Morrow County Fair, opening Aug. 18.

Prizes from cash to clothing and kitchen ware are waiting for winners of events of the sixth-annual Oregon's Best series.

The 12 contests offer awards for first, second and third place. First-place prizes planned by sponsors are: Pictsweet Mushrooms, a custom Pictsweet sweatshirt for the best mushroom appetizer; Hurst's Berry Farm, a pair of cobalt blue mugs for a blueberry pie; Bob's

Red Mill, \$25 cash for bread using Bob's Red Mill flours; Full Sail Ale, a party for four at the Hood River Brew Pub and a "Best Baker In The County" T-shirt for beer bread; Oregon Fruit Products Co., set of four mugs and an Oregon Fruit Products cap for breakfast pastries.

Norpac and Santiam offer special awards for their 75th celebration and a special muffin recipe: a 75th anniversary apron, T-shirt and commemorative mug and a commemorative collectible; Tillamook Cheese, a 90th anniversary T-shirt; Schoolbus Bread (children 15

years and younger), for a decorated brown bag lunch, a Schoolbus Bread Frisbee and GR8 Bread cap.

1999 Judge's Choice awards for the over-all best in the county include: Oregon Hazelnut Marketing Board, an English china tea cup filled with chocolate covered hazelnuts for the best recipe using hazelnuts; Gold.n.Soft Margarine, a gold medal for excellence in baking; the Best From Oregon Inc., \$25 cash for the best jar of jelly or preserves.

Hermiston Watermelon Growers sponsor the county-wide watermelon seed spitting contest, offering 1999 winner's T-shirts for men's, women's, youth and children.

Oregon's Best is a division of the Agri-Business Council of Oregon, a nonprofit group, for 33 years promoting the best of the state's agricultural industry through education, marketing and public relations.

For additional contest information, contact the Morrow County Fair office.

needs to see, whatever the talent may be (all performances must be suitable for families), please contact C.J. Johnson at 676-9209.

The talent show will have three age categories: 12 and under, 13 to 18, and 19 and over. Cash prizes will be awarded in each area.

The talent show will be held on Friday evening from 7-9 p.m.

Try a Tillamook recipe, win a T-shirt

From Morrow to Tillamook, county kitchens are much the same--pushed for time. Tillamook dairy wife, Ginger Slavens, busy with a herd of Holsteins in Blaine, while teaching aerobics and working at the post office, also prepares nightly dinners for four sons, including her Quick Cheddar Bread as a healthy and practical

part of the menu.

For the Morrow County Fair, opening Aug. 18, try her family recipe selected for the 1999 Dairy Wives Cookbook to win a 90th anniversary Tillamook commemorative t-shirt.

Choice Cheddar Quick Bread
Ginger Slavens, Moon Meadow Dairy, Blaine

1/3 cup Tillamook butter; 2-1/2 cups flour; 5 tsp. baking powder; 1 tsp. dill weed; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1-1/2 cups Sharp Tillamook Cheddar; 1-1/2 cups rolled oats; 1-1/2 cups milk; 2 eggs.

Cut butter into next four ingredients. Stir in cheese and oats. Add milk and eggs. Mix until moistened. Put into greased 9x5 loaf pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan and cool 40 minutes more. Cut and serve, good later as a treat.

Lisa Nix Lowary to perform at fair



Local singing sensation Lisa Nix Lowary will be performing at the upcoming Morrow County Fair on Friday, Aug. 20, at 6 p.m.

This talented and beautiful young lady, who resides in Pendleton, is the daughter of Walt and Charlene Nix, formerly of Heppner, and now living in Hermiston.

Lisa, having spent her childhood growing up in Heppner and singing to old 45 records, has now grown up to become one of the hottest sensations in local country music performance.

"There are so many special memories and friends that I haven't seen... I am excited to go back and perform for all of them and to say hello again," says Lisa.

Lisa has performed on numerous occasions, including local talent shows, rodeos, and 4th of July celebrations, not to mention being one of the top finishers in the Kiwanis Kapers competition in Pendleton last March.

"So let's all come on out to the Morrow County Fair, have a great time, and listen to the talented and beautiful Lisa (Nix) Lowary."

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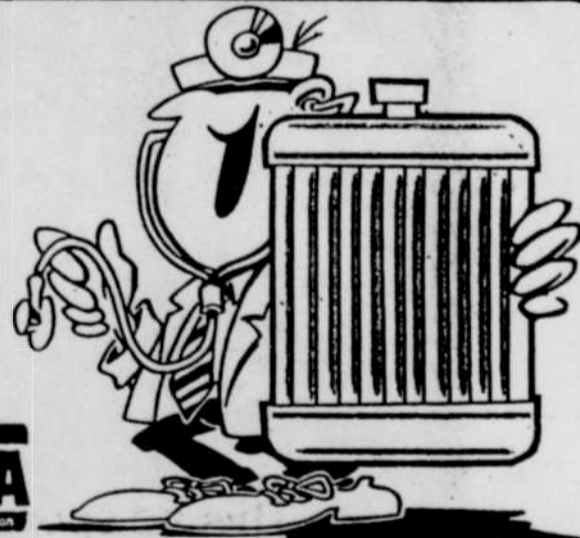
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