Cookie capers

First-time bakers take the honors in mall cookie contest

By Marie McGee
staff writer

FOR SOMEONE with an allergy to flour, Helen Darren didn't fare too badly at the annual Livonia Mall Christmas cookie baking contest.

The Livonia homemaker walked off with first prize of $100 for her Macadamian Nut Flute Cookies.

Second and third prizes also went to Livonia residents, Chris Wasilewski for her Country Jam Tarts and Carol Irvine for her Scotch Turtles. Wasilewski was given $75 and Irvine received $50.

Forty-two entries were judged on originality, flavor and design. Judges included Bill Checks, Livonia Mall design coordinator; and Chris Marcinkowski, manager of the mall's Sanders outlet; and Marie McGee, Observer Newspapers Suburban Life editor.

RECIPES OF ALL the entries have been compiled in booklet form and are available at no cost at the mall management office, said marketing director Deborah Wanamaker.

The three winning recipes are reprinted elsewhere on this page.

The contest was a first-time event for Darren and Wasilewski. For Irvine, it was the first time she had ever made the marvelously munchy Scotch Turtles — a recipe originally modified by her mother and sister from one they saw in a magazine.

It was at Darren's 12-year-old son Mike's suggestion that she entered the contest, after noting the contest announcement on the mall marquee.

An allergy to flour limits her baking activities, Darren said, "but I figured two cups wasn't going to hurt me."

As it turns out, it took more than two cups of flour because she wound up making two batches.

The final step in the delicately flavored nut confection calls for the batter to be spooned into molds.

Trying to get them out without breaking the cookie is no sleight of hand.

"WE BROKE A lot of them — so I had to bake another batch," smiled Darren. Mike enjoyed the whole thing, she said, especially since he got to eat all the broken cookies.

The recipe, Darren said, is a combination of several others. The fragile melt-in-your mouth cookies were attractively displayed on a silver tray surrounded by an arrangement of Christmas greens.

Wasilewski "is into country" and that influenced her in both the choice of a cookie recipe and the the charming way she displayed her entry of Country Jam Tarts - in a basket with a perky with a teddy bear in a Santa suit as the centerpiece.

The recipe was one her mother has been baking for years. A neighbor, who also entered the contest, urged her to enter a recipe, Wasilewski said.

AS THE MOTHER OF three youngsters, full-time homemaker Irvine loves to bake, she said. The joy stems from growing up in a family of eight with a mother who was "always making homemade things."

Irvine entered the cookie contest last year with a recipe traditionally made by her mother called Susan's Toffee Bars.

This year, she was urged by her mother and a sister to try another recipe that the mom-sister combo has concocted by changing a recipe they had across "in a magazine somewhere."

The batch she entered was the first she had ever made of that cookie, she said. She said she let her oldest daughter, Marjorie, 7, test taste one and Marjorie declared immediately, "You're going to win."

But her husband Bill had no comment, she said.

"He wanted me to enter an oatmeal-chocolate chip cookie — that has everthing in it — that is his favorite," she said.

Irvine said she has always wanted to enter the State Fair baking competition but something has always come up to deter her. Last year,for instance, she was set to enter a buttermilk chocolate cake that is a big family favorite. When she couldn't do it, her sister entered it and won a blue ribbon.

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MACADAMIAN NUT FLUTE COOKIES

1 cup chopped macadamian nuts
1 cup butter
1 cup confectioners sugar
1 tbsp. vanilla
1 tbsp. water
2 cups flour
pinch of salt

Cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla and water; beat well. Gradually add flour and salt; blend. Add nuts and beat until well mixed. Fill greased molds or drop cookie sheet. Bake 325 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Makes three dozen.

COUNTRY JAM TARTS

1 cup butter
1 egg
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups flour
½ tsp. baking powder

Beat all ingredients together except flour. Stir in flour by hand. Roll into small balls. Roll balls in egg whites and ground nuts. Put on cookie sheet and make thumbprint on cookie top. Fill thumbprint with raspberry jelly. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

SCOTCH TURTLES

For buttery-rich shortbread base:
2 cups sifted flour
¼ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
1 cup butter
¼ cup sifted confectioners sugar

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; set aside. Cream together butter and confectioners sugar in bowl until light and fluffy, using electric mixer at medium speed.

Gradually stir dry ingredients into creamed mixture, mixing well. Cover and chill in refrigerator 1 hour.

Roll out dough on floured surface about 1¼ thick. Cut into 1¼-inch circles. Place circle, about 1 inch apart, on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in 300-degree oven 20 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Remove from baking sheets; place on wire rack and cool.

Top with melted caramels (she used Wrapples, melted). Melt 6-ounce package of semisweet chocolate pieces plus 2 tablespoons of butter. Frost caramel-topped cookie with chocolate and top with a pecan half. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

CITY OF FARMINGTON
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
(Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, 1984, by Mayor Yoder in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Bennett, Hartsock, Tupper, Walker, Yoder.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Director Lauhoff, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Bushey.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council granted a sign variance to Carl Gaiser to install a ground sign on the front lawn of his architectural business at 33018 Grand River.

Council took no action on the request of International Import-Export Company, 31505 Grand River for a wholesale beer and wine license.

Council recommended that two new stockholders be added to the 1984 Class "C" license with Dance Permit at 23619-21 Farmington Road, as requested.

Council approved participation in the Oakland County Tri-Party Road Improvement Program and the reconstruction of the Leelane/Orchard Lake Road intersection; also the allocation of $5,700.00 for these improvements.

Council approved final payment of $2,897.94 to Albert A. Dettore & Associates for the 1983 Road Improvement Program.

Council appointed Mary Joan Sundt to a three-year term on the Board of Review.

Public comment was heard.

The following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. C-517-84
LICENSES-REGISTRATION AND REQUIRED FEES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BY REPEALING CHAPTERS 59, 60, 61, 62, AND 63 OF TITLE VII AND BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER WHICH NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 59 OF TITLE VII OF SAID CODE.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

7.1. Registration Required. No person shall, directly or indirectly, operate a mercantile establishment in the City of Farmington, or no person shall, directly or indirectly, operate, conduct, maintain or manage any business, manufacturing business, trade, or occupation in the City of Farmington without first registering with the City Clerk in the manner provided in this Ordinance.

7.2. License Required. No person, firm or corporation shall, directly or indirectly, operate, conduct or engage in the business of an auctioneer, transient merchant, peddler or solicitor, amusement arcade or park, coin operated devices, billiard parlor, pool room, carnival, circus, taxicabs, junk or scrap dealer, or pawnbroker without first procuring a license in the manner provided in this Ordinance.

7.3. Definition of Terms and Meaning of Ordinance.

(1) The word "Merchant" as used in this Ordinance shall be deemed to mean any person, firm or corporation who engages in or conducts a business selling goods, wares and merchandise, and who for the purpose of carrying on such business uses, lists or occupies, either in whole or in part, a room, building, structure or vacant property for the exhibition of such wares and merchandise.

(2) The word "Transient Merchant" as used in this Ordinance shall be deemed to mean any person, firm or corporation who engages in or conducts a business buying or selling goods, wares and merchandise and does not have a mercantile establishment in the City of Farmington. Auctioneers shall not be deemed to be transient merchants.

(a) The word "peddler" as used in this Chapter shall include any person traveling by foot, wagon, automotive vehicle or other conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, carrying, conveying or transporting goods, wares, merchandise, meats, fish, vegetables, fruits, garden truck, farm products or provisions, offering and exposing the same for sale or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers, or who, without traveling from place to place, shall sell or offer the same for sale from a wagon, automotive vehicle, or other vehicle or conveyance. Any person who solicits orders and as a separate transaction makes deliveries to purchasers as part of a scheme or design to evade the provisions of this Chapter, shall be deemed a peddler. The word "peddler" shall include the words "Hawker" and "Huckster."

(b) The word "Solicitor" as used in this Chapter shall include any individual whether a resident of the City or not, traveling either by foot, wagon, automobile, motor truck, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, taking or attempting to take orders for sale of goods, wares and merchandise, books or magazines, personal property of any nature whatsoever for future delivery, or for services to be furnished or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he/she is collecting advance payments on such sales or not, and such definition shall include any person who, for himself/herself, or for another person, hires, leases, uses, or occupies any building, structure, tent, railroad boxcar, boat, hotel room, lodging house, apartment, shop, or any other place within the City for the sole purpose of exhibiting samples and taking orders for future delivery. The word "solicitor" shall include the word "canvasser."

(3) The word "Business" as used in this Ordinance shall be deemed to mean any form of activity that has for its end the production and/or supplying of commodities. The words "manufacturing business" shall be deemed to mean any form of process of making, working, fabricating or producing wares.

(a) "Trade," "Business" or "Profession" is meant to include all kinds of vocations, occupations, enterprises, establishments, and all other kinds of activities, which are conducted for private profit, either directly or indirectly, on any premises in the City of Farmington, and is also meant to include occupations and activities conducted for private profit by certain employees when such occupations and activities are specifically listed in the City Council resolution which establishes license and registration fees.

(4) The word "Trade" shall be deemed to be all other kinds of vocations, occupations, enterprises, establishments and kinds of activity not included in definition of merchant or business.

(5) The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to commercial travelers making sales to dealers or selling agents in the usual course of business for resale, nor to societies making sales for charitable or religious organizations.

(6) The following shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of this Chapter but shall be subject to the other provisions hereof:

(a) Any person under eighteen (18) years of age, when engaged in peddling on foot in the neighborhood of his/her residence under the direct supervision of any school or recognized charitable or religious organization.

(b) Food peddlers licensed under the provisions of Chapter 46 of this Code.

(c) Persons under eighteen (18) years of age, when engaged in soliciting on foot in the neighborhood of their residence under the direct supervision of any school or recognized charitable or religious organization.

(7) The word "Person" shall include individual persons acting for themselves or in behalf of others, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures and all other kinds of business associations.

7.4. State or County License or Permit No Exemption. The fact that a license or permit has been granted to any person by the State or County to engage in the operation, conduct, maintenance or management of any business, trade, occupation or premises shall not exempt such person from the necessity of registering with the City Clerk or procuring a license or permit from the City, as required by this Ordinance or any other ordinance of the City. No registration fee shall be required from any person exempt from payment of the fee by State, County or Federal law.

7.5. Registration.

A. Each person required to register with the City Clerk under the provisions of this Ordinance shall make application for such registration with the City Clerk in the form and manner prescribed by him/her and shall state such facts as may be required for, or applicable to such registration including:

(1) The full names, business addresses and residence addresses of the owners, proprietors, officers, and local addresses of all owners, proprietors, officers, and managers of the applicant's business; the names and addresses of each officer, if the applicant is a corporation; the names and addresses of all partners, if a partnership.

(2) The place or places where business or equipment is maintained, and the nature of the business.

(3) A list of all assumed, trade or firm names under which the registering applicant intends to do business.

B. The City Clerk shall not accept any application for registration unless said applicant has complied with Section 7.8 of this Ordinance.

7.6 License: Application, Form Contents. Each person required to procure a license from the City shall make application for such license from the City Clerk in the form and manner prescribed by him/her and shall state, under oath, such facts as may be required for, or applicable to, the granting of such license, including the following:

(1) The full names, business addresses and residence addresses of the owners, proprietors, officers, managers and local addresses of all owners, proprietors, officers, and managers of the applicant's business; the names and addresses of each officer, if the applicant is a corporation; the names and addresses of all partners, if a partnership. If a Transient Merchant, the names of persons to be employed in the City.

(2) The place or places in the City where the applicant proposes to maintain its business, and the length of time during which it is proposed that such business be conducted if temporary in nature.

(3) The nature, kind and character of the goods, wares, merchandise or services to be rendered or offered for sale by the applicant, and manner of operation.

(4) A list of all assumed, trade or firm names under which the applicant intends to do business.

(5) Whether or not the applicant or person conducting or managing the applicant's business has been convicted of a crime, misdemeanor or the violation of any municipal ordinance, and, if so, full particulars in connection therewith.

(6) If a business or operation thereof, or use of business facilities require state or county license, proof that such license has been obtained and the expiration date.

7.7. Expiration Date. A license year and registration year shall terminate on the 31st day of December at 12:00 midnight, next after the issuance of said license or date of registration. The expiration date of each license and registration shall be indicated on the face thereof.

7.8. State or County Law, Compliance Pre-requisite to Issuance. No license, permit, or registration required by this Ordinance or any other ordinance of the City shall be issued to any person who is required to procure a license or permit from the State or County until such person shall submit evidence that the required State or County license or permit has been issued and that all fees appertaining thereto have been paid.

7.9. Exhibition of License. No licensee shall fail to carry any license or registration issued in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter upon his person at all times when engaged in the operation, conduct or carrying on of any trade or business for which the license was granted, except that where such trade or business is operated, conducted or carried on at a fixed place or establishment, such license shall be exhibited at all times at some conspicuous place in such place of business. Where the owner or operator of a vehicle is required by the provisions of this Code to pay a license fee for such vehicle, such owner and operator shall display and cause to be displayed on such vehicle at all times such tags or stickers as are furnished by the City Clerk to indicate that such vehicle is properly licensed hereunder.

7.10. Defaulters. No license or registration shall be issued to any person who is in default to the City of Farmington.

7.11. Compliance with Laws. No license or registration shall be issued to any person unless he/she has complied with all of the provisions of this Chapter and with all of the provisions of all other laws, provisions of this Code and rules and regulations applicable to the trade or business and the same is in full compliance with Chapter 39 (Zoning) of the City Code.

7.12. Inspection. All licensees or registrants shall permit the inspection of their premises and facilities by authorized representatives of the issuing authority at all reasonable times for compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

7.13. Licenses Non-Transferable. All licenses or registrations issued under the provisions of this Chapter shall be non-transferble. Upon the transfer of ownership of any trade or business, the new owner shall obtain a license as herein provided and pay the required license fee.

7.14. Where Certification Required. No license or registration shall be granted where the certification of any officer of the City is required prior to the issuance thereof until such certification is made.

7.15. Health Officer's Certificate. In all cases where the certification of the Health Officer is required prior to the issuance of any license or registration by the City Clerk, such certification shall be based upon an actual inspection and finding that the person making application and the premises in which he/she proposes to conduct or is conducting the trade, profession, business or privilege comply with all the sanitary requirements of the State of Michigan and of the City.

7.16. Public Safety Director's Certificate. In all cases where the certification of the Director of Public Safety is required prior to the issuance of any license or registration by the City Clerk, such certification shall be based upon a finding that the person making application for such license is of good moral character, and, if the applicant for such license proposes to conduct or is conducting the trade, profession, business or privilege to be licensed within any building in the City that such premises comply with all the fire regulations of the State of Michigan and of the City.

7.17. Building Inspector's Certificate. In all cases where the carrying on of the trade, profession, business or privilege involves the use of any structure or land, a license or registration therefor shall not be issued until the Building Inspector shall certify that the proposed use is not prohibited by Title V of this Code, or other zoning regulations of the City.

7.18. Suspension and Revocation. The City Council may suspend or revoke for cause any license or registration issued by the City in the manner herein provided.

7.19. "Cause" Defined. The term "cause" as used in Section 7.18 shall include:

A. The doing or omitting of any act or permitting any condition to exist in connection with any trade or business for which a license or registration is issued under the provisions of the Chapter, or any premises or facilities used in connection therewith, which act omission or condition is injurious to the health, morals, safety or welfare of the public; is unlawful or fraudulent; is unauthorized or beyond the scope of the license granted, or is forbidden by the provisions of the City Code or rule or regulation of the City, or any state or federal law, applicable to the trade or business for which the license was issued.

B. The arrest and conviction of the licensee or registrant for any crime involving moral turpitude.

C. Fraud, representation or any false statement made in the application for license or registration.

D. Any violation of the ordinance.

E. Conducting a business in an unlawful manner or in such a manner as to constitute a breach of the peace or to constitute a menace to the health, morals, safety or welfare of the public.

F. Failure or inability of an applicant to meet and satisfy the requirements and provisions of this Ordinance and every other ordinance of the City.

7.20. Procedure to Suspend or Revoke License or Registration. Whenever the City Manager shall have evidence which in his opinion shall warrant the suspension or revocation of a license or registration, he shall submit a complete report, in writing, to the City Council at its next regular meeting, which report shall detail the nature of the charges against the licensee or registrant and the City Manager's recommendation as to the action to be taken. Should the City Council decide, after considering the matter, that if the charges against the licensee or registrant are true, the same would warrant a suspension or revocation of his/her license or registration, the City Council shall set a time and place when it will hear the matter, which shall not be sooner than fifteen (15) days nor later than twenty (20) days from the date of its decision to hear the same, and shall direct the City Clerk to mail a copy of the charges and a notice of the time and place of the hearing to the licensee or registrant, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the last known business address of the licensee or registrant, no lafer than ten (10) days prior to the time of hearing.

7.21. Evidence. At such hearing, the licensee or registrant shall have an opportunity to be heard and answer the charges made against him/her and to cross-examine all witnesses and examine all evidence produced against him/her.

7.22. Decision of Council. Within five (5) days after hearing and weighing the evidence presented the City Council shall render its decision on whether or not such license or registration should be suspended or revoked and the licensee or registrant shall be immediately notified of such decision. In all cases the decision of the City Council shall be final and conclusive. If the Council sll decide that the license or registration shall be suspended or revoked, the licensee or registrant shall forthwith surrender the same to the City Clerk and shall not thereafter conduct, operate or carry on the trade or business for which he/she was licensed or registered unless and until said license or registration shall be restored or a new license or registration is issued to him/her.

7.23. New License or Registration. Upon suspension or revocation of any license or registration, the City Clerk shall not issue a new license or registration of any kind to the licensee or registrant except upon the express approval of the City Council.

7.24. Renewal. A renewal license or registration can be obtained by filing application therefor, with information supplied as in the original application, and by payment of pre-requisite license or registration fee, provided inspection of involved premises has been made, if required.

7.25. Termination of Business. Any person discontinuing or terminating any business, trade, or occupation covered in this Ordinance, shall notify the City Clerk to such effect personally or by certified mail, and when said discontinuance or termination is voluntary, such notice shall precede the same by thirty (30) days.

7.26. Fixed Stands Prohibited. No licensee or registrant shall stop or remain in any one place upon any street, alley or public place, longer than necessary to make a sale to a customer wishing to buy, any peddler using a vehicle, when stopped, shall place his/her vehicle parallel to and within twelve (12) inches of the curb and shall depart from such place as soon as he/she has completed sales with customers actually present.

7.27. Prohibited Areas. No peddler, in the sale of goods, wares and merchandise, shall obstruct any street, alley, sidewalk or driveway except as may be necessary and reasonable to consummate a sale nor remain, barter, sell, offer or expose for sale any goods, wares or merchandise in front of or at the side of any property against the wish or desire of the property owner or the tenant or occupant of such property. No peddler shall engage in peddling on any street, alley or public place after having been requested to desist by any public safety officer of the City because of congested or dangerous traffic conditions.

7.28. Practices Prohibited. No peddler shall shout or cry out his/her goods or merchandise, nor blow any horns, ring an y bell or use any other similar device to attract the attention of the public.

7.29. Curb Service Prohibited. No person shall operate or maintain any stand, vehicle, store or place of business on or near to any highway in such a manner that the customers of or traders with such person occupy or congregate within the limits of any street, lane, highway, or public place within the City. No person shall be permitted to use the street, alleys, lanes or public places of the City for the service of customers or for the transaction of business, or to use any stands, stores or other places of business in any manner that shall require the customer, when transacting said business, to stand within the limits of the streets, highways, alleys or public places of the City.

7.30. Registration Fees. Every applicant for registration or renewal thereof shall pay a registration fee in an amount to be set by resolution of the City Council.

7.31. License Fees. Upon approval of license or renewal thereof, a license fee shall be paid in an amount to be set by resolution of the City Council.

7.32. Penalties. A person who violates any provision or provisions of this Ordinance, upon conviction, shall be punished with a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or imprisonment in the County Jail of Oakland County, Michigan, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court. Each day of the violation shall be considered a separate offense.

7.33. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or sub-section is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion thereof.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on November 19, 1984, was adopted and enacted at the next regular meeting on December 3, 1984, and will become effective ten days after publication.

AYES: Yoder, Bennett, Hartsock, Tupper, Walker.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Council adopted a resolution establishing Business License and Registration Fees.

Council established a Public Hearing on December 17, 1984, at 8:00 p.m. to amend the Economic Development Corporation Project Plan: Farmington/9-Mile Associates.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Council was informed of tentative plans to develop more parking in the Thomas Street area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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