

# Savory cheesecake sensational treat

See Larry Jones' column on Taste front.

Chef Larry Jones will be hosting a cooking demonstration on healthy lunches 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at Our Lady of Good Counsel School gym in Plymouth. Call Beth Savastano, (313) 416-1451 for reservations. A \$1 entry fee is due at the door. Class size is limited.

1 teaspoon fresh dill, minced  
or ½ teaspoon dried  
½ cup freshly grated imported Swiss cheese or Parmesan  
½ cup half and half or whipping cream  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ pound cooked crab meat, shrimp or cooked chicken, chopped

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Lightly butter a 9-inch springform pan. Mix bread crumbs with ¼ cup Swiss cheese and dill. Sprinkle into pan. Turn pan to coat with the mixture. Refrigerate. In a heavy skillet or saucepan over low heat, melt the 3 tablespoons of butter or margarine and add the onion and cook for 10 minutes or until onions are translucent. Mix cream cheese in mixer or processor until smooth. Mix in eggs, remaining cheese, half and half, salt and remaining dill. Mix well. Stir in onions and crab, shrimp or chicken. Pour into prepared pan. Place the pan inside another baking dish and

fill the baking dish with enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the springform pan. Bake for 1 hour and 30 minutes. Turn oven off and allow cheesecake to cool in the oven for 1 hour with the door ajar. Easily serves 8-10

## PESTO CHEESECAKE

1½ tablespoons butter (for the pan)  
¼ cup fine bread crumbs, toasted  
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
2½ cups fresh basil  
¼ cup parsley, stems removed  
¼ cup olive oil  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 clove garlic, chopped fine  
1 pound ricotta cheese, room temperature  
1 pound cream cheese, room temperature  
½ pound fresh grated Parmesan

meson cheese  
4 eggs  
½ cup pine nuts, lightly toasted (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Butter the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Mix bread crumbs with ¼ cup of Parmesan cheese.

Sprinkle mixture into the pan and shake gently to coat completely. Refrigerate.

Combine basil leaves with the parsley, oil, salt and garlic in a blender or food processor and process until a smooth paste forms, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add Parmesan, ricotta and remaining Parmesan to blender or processor and process until smooth, about 1 minute. Pour cheese mixture into basil mixture and mix well with a whisk. Beat in eggs. Pour into prepared pan.

At this time, pine nuts can be sprinkled on top, if desired. Place the cheesecake on a baking sheet and bake for 1½ hours. Turn oven off and cool cheesecake for 1 hour in the oven with the door ajar. Transfer cheesecake to a wire rack. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Easily serves 8-10.

## COOKING CALENDAR

To get your classes or events listed in this column, send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wyganik, Taste Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150. Or fax to 591-7279.

**ROSFORD HOSPITAL**  
Listen to your heart, free education event presented by the cardiology department in the hospital's west pavilion, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30. Free blood pressure, cholesterol screenings, body fat analysis, counseling on nutrition. Call (810) 471-8870 for information.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
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**VEGETARIAN COOKING**  
Class offered by Chris Rucker,

co-author of Random House's new diet and nutrition book, "The Seventh-Day Diet," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1, Waterford Seventh Day Adventist Church, 5725 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. Cost \$16. Call 681-3334.

**VEGETARIAN STEWS, CASSEROLES**  
Cooking demonstration 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at Health Development Network, Grand River at Haggerty Road, Novi. Cost \$3, call 477-8100 to register.

**THREE CHEFS**  
Series continues with Chef Milos Chelika of the Golden Mushroom, 24 Janes of Avenue Diner and Brian Polym of Acadia 9 a.m. Saturday April 30. Call 684-0809.

**BONNIE'S PATISSERIE**  
Casual summer fare, do-ahead dishes 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 27, main dish salads, Monday, May 2 at 29229 Northwestern, Southfield. Cost \$25 per class. Call 357-4540.

## Tour Awrey Bakery on May 1

Tour Awrey Bakery's manufacturing plant, 12301 Farmington Road, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 1. The bakery is ¼ mile north of I-96 in Livonia.

Awrey Bakery's last public tour was in 1989 when 8,300 people walked through the bakery. The bakery is partners with Michigan Cancer Foundation in "Tour for

the Cure." Michigan Cancer Foundation volunteers will collect a donation of \$2 per family at the door. A family can consist of eight or two people.

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