## Cake, gingerbread, chili contests showcase local cooks



KEELY Quite a few peoWEELY WYOONN ple, including me, bundled up 
Saturday to look at the magnificent sculptures in Kelloga Park, and throughout picturesque downtown Plymouth. If you didn't have time to visit the festivation in the same of the s

event.

The "Wild Wild West" festival theme was also carried out in a cake decorating contest at West-clester Square Mell on Wednesday. This is one time I was glad

See Larry Janes' Taste Buds column on Taste front.

Charlotte Michaels of Birming-

Character Michaels of Birming-ham requested a recipe for a hearty soup the entire family would enjoy. Well Charlotte, this is definite ly soup weather, and when it comes to making soup, I usually turn to those group and church type cookbooks for tried and true recipes.

recipes.

This recipe comes from "Ann Arbor's Cookin' II," which benefits the Ronald McDonald House and was submitted by Debbie Lown.

POTATO CHEESE SOUP

4 tablespoons unsalted butter 2 cups chopped onlons

potatoes, peeled and cubed 5-6 cups chicken broth or

5-6 cups chicken broth or stock (canned is OK) ½ to 1 cup heavy cream ½ teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon pepper 2-3 cups shredded cheddau cheese

Meit butter in a large pot; add onlons and carrots. Cook over medi-

2 cups chopped carrots 6 parsley sprigs, chopped 1 cup chopped fresh dill 1½ pounds (about 4-5 cups)

Sun didn't tapides didn't have to taste the apoli the lee seculptures at the 12th annual Plymouth Interest to the national Ice sculpture Seculpture Seculp

Besides myself, the judges were Sie Weever, pastry Instructor and chef at Joy Manor in West-land, and Rob Thomas, bakery supervisor at Farmer Jack, pastry instructor, and winner of numer ous awards in cake design. In the professional category first place was awarded to Elaine Shafer of Heritage Bakery in Livonia who made an adorable "Barney" Goes Country Cake. Second

econd In the culinary student divi-

um heat for 3-5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add paraley, ½ cup of the dill, potatoes and chicken stock. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until potatoes are soft and tender. Place in a food processor or blender and blend in small batches.

Return to pan, simmer gradually and sitr in cream, salt, pepper, cheese and remaining dill. Serve warm. Yieldi-9-6 servings.

Pauly Smorch of Redford, whose doctor just advised her to go on a fat-free, gluten-free diet, wanted help locating recipes and menu ide-

help locating recipes and menu ide-First off Pauly, get that doctor on the phone and get the names and numbers of distitions affiliated

numbers of dislitians affiliated with the hospital in your area who can offer you a multitude of ideas and recipes. Also, visit your local library and check out the cookbooks in the health section. Many are devoted folks with similar problems. While you're there, look for copies of old Weight Watchers cookbooks. The old program cookbooks never used fat, and some of the recipes were very tasty. I pulled this one from "The Best of Weight Watchers Magazine," 1980.

PINEAPPLE COOKIES

15 cup non-fat dry milk powder 15 cup canned crushed pineap

sion, Brenda Gill won the first place ribbon with a sculptured cacue cake that looked so real that people wanted to touch it to see if it was really a cake. Second place was awarded to Mitheille Butter, and third to Lori Kristy. All are students at Henry Ford Community College. There was also a gingerbread house contest. First place was awarded to Laurie and Carol Darrin; second place, Carol Whitingger of Farmington Hills; third place, Jennifer Quigley of Livenia.

place, Jennifer Quigley of Live-nia. In the churches and castles cat-gory, Michael MacFarlane placed first, and Michaela Weso-lowski, ascond. Children slao participated, In the Kids Creations category. Da-vid Ryan placed first; Elizabeth Alozander of Plymouth, second, and Mike and Danny Ryan, third.

ple, no sugar added
I teaspoon granulated sugar
replacement or to taste
teaspoon baking powder
teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Combine all the ingredients in a medium bowl. Drop mixture, 2 teaspoons at a time for each "cookle" onto a non-stick baking sheet that

has been sprayed with a non-stick nas been spraye with a non-structeooking spray.

Leave room for "cookies" to apread. Bake about 20 minutes or until "cookies" are firm and lightly colored.

The gingerbread house contest was organized by Mary Kay Selbel of Days Gone By, a store in the Westchester Square Mail on Forest Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Chili champ Marilyn Frederick of Farmington Hillis invited me to be one of eight judges at the International Chili Society Winter Freezo District Cockoff at the Allen Park Eliss Lodge. How could refuse, I love chilli Frederick, has earned a reputation in the area for her prize-winning "Time Bomb Chili." She's participated in cookoffs in 13 states, and did a fine job conducting the cookoff in Allen Park, with help from her brother Frank Klancnik, known for his "Smoke in the Hole Chili," and scorekeeper Ed Kulback.

There were 18 participants including Bill Thomas of Plym-

Chef's Secret: You shouldn't real-ly cook with artificial sweetener as it has a tendency to break down and become bitter during the cooking

become bitter during the cooking process. I recommend increasing the wonline extract to b teaspoon, not incorporating the sweetener into the cookie batter and baking it without the sweetener. When the cookies are removed from the oven, lightly sprinkle with sweetener for best taste.

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outh, Jim Weller of West Bloomfield, Ken Brundage of Livonia, A. Michael Ford of Farmington Hills, Gean Ziegler and Vaughn Irish of Walled Lake.

Third place was awarded to John Garcia of Wyundotte, second place, Leo Buk II of Trenton, and first place to Bob Hall of Taylorville, Illinois.

Hall might not have won if hadn't have been for the generosity of a good sport — Georgia Weller of Bloomfield Hills. Hall's chill box containing all of his aupplies was loat at the airport.

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Weller let him use hers, and gave

#### **COOKING CALENDAR**

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

LE WINIER SOUPS.

Learn how to make soups, stews and winter salads at the Community Center of Farmington Farmington Hills, 7:16-9:15 Thursday, Jan. 27, Pee 315, plus 34 for materials. No-fuss suppers, 7:15-9:15 Thursday, Feb. 3. Call 477-8404 to register.

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DAY	DATE	TIM
*** Wednesday	Jamesty 26, 1994	7:10
** Mooday	January 31, 1994	7:30
Saturday	February 5, 1994	E:30
Monday	February 7, 1994	7:30

MEETING LOCATIONS:

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A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Campbell at 8:00 p.m. on January 18, 1994, in Council Chambers, 33800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigari. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 257-1978.

PRESENT: Bush, Campball, McShane, Tupper.
ARSENT Hartack.
OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director
Gushman, City Manager Lamboff.
Minutes of the previous special and regular meetings of January 2, 1994 were

Grahman, City Manager Lauboff.

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Council astrborized Change Order No. 1 and payment of \$18,701.35 to F. J. LaForstians & Sons for work completed on the Gawwood Censestery addition. Council anthorized payment of \$4,534.00 to EJ Tree Service for tree trimmings. Council anthorized issuance of textical bioceasts to Northwest Transport Competing and ABC Cab Company.

election. Council adopted a resolution to set a time limit for retention of public

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act asystictions. duled a goal setting meeting on February 7, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. a were approved for payment.

ARNOLD T. CAMPRELL, Mayor
PATSY E. CANTRELL, City Clark/Treasurer