

Ida's Notebook

by
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It is Monday morning, and it is snowing quite heavily. Schools have been canceled, but not in our township. Despite the fact that we live on a dead end road, the snow plow has been past our house two times. So the three grandchildren are off to school.

As we had a table full of guests last night, I put away my good dishes and silverware this morning. There were quite a few compliments on my baked corn and even a request for the recipe.

Then I began to telephone auctioneers to get "Sale Reports" from last week's

auctions. Some want to be called at 6:30 a.m., some at 6:45 a.m., some at 7:45 a.m., and even some prefer Monday afternoon. It has been 25 years this February that I was assigned the job of getting prices from the auctioneers.

Mostly, it has been a pleasant experience as we have begun to recognize each other's voices on the telephone. However, some are not interested in giving prices for publication. Over the 25-year period, I've come to know some personally and even visited in their homes.

Long ago, there was a columnist, who wrote in our local paper and I always read his writings. I remember one thing that he said, "How sad it would be to live through the winter and die in the spring." It is something to think about. My husband's brother died recently after living in a Veterans' Home for a year. He no longer had

Win A Dream Kitchen In Edy's Homemade Ice Cream Flavor Contest

OAKLAND, Calif. — Memories of being drawn to the kitchen by homemade cookies hot out of the oven, fresh churned ice cream or chocolate covered beaters waiting to be licked clean can bring a smile to anyone's face. To celebrate and rekindle these fond, family-oriented experiences, Edy's Homemade Ice Cream announces "Traditions in the Kitchen," a nationwide search for a new ice cream flavor. The winning entry will be awarded a grand prize of \$25,000 for a dream kitchen remodel. In addition, the top 10 finalists and 50 second prize winners will receive a year's supply of ice cream.

Now through May 15, Edy's Homemade invites ice cream lovers of all ages to tie on their aprons and dream up a new ice cream flavor using ingredients that one might expect to find in Grandma's own kitchen.

To enter, contestants simply submit an original ice cream flavor name and a creative description of the flavor, including the base ice cream flavor and any flavor swirls or other mix-ins. Each entry must also include a paragraph (50 words or less) describing what this flavor means to you and why it reminds you of Grandma's kitchen or a special family tradition.

Submissions can be made at www.edy-s.com or sent directly to: Edy's Homemade "Traditions in the Kitchen" Ice Cream Flavor Contest, P.O. Box 4110, Grand Rapids, MN 55730-4110. All entries must be postmarked or dated (if sent online) by May 15.

For complete contest rules, visit www.edy-s.com or send your request, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Edy's "Traditions in the Kitchen" Homemade Ice Cream Flavor Contest Rules Request, P.O. Box 8142, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-8142.

Ten finalists will be selected and notified on or about June 30, 2001. Each finalist and a guest of their choice will be flown to the Edy's ice cream factory in Houston, Texas in early September 2001 to make their flavors. Based on both the taste-off results and the creativity and appeal of the written paragraphs, one grand prize winner will be selected and awarded a \$25,000 check that may be used for a kitchen makeover. Each of the 10 finalists and 50 second prize winners will receive a year's supply of Edy's Homemade ice cream via product gift certificates.

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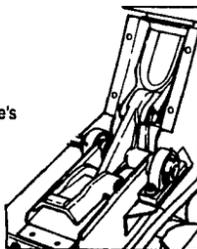


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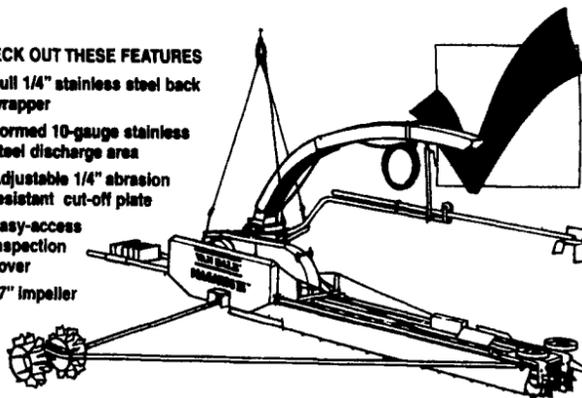
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