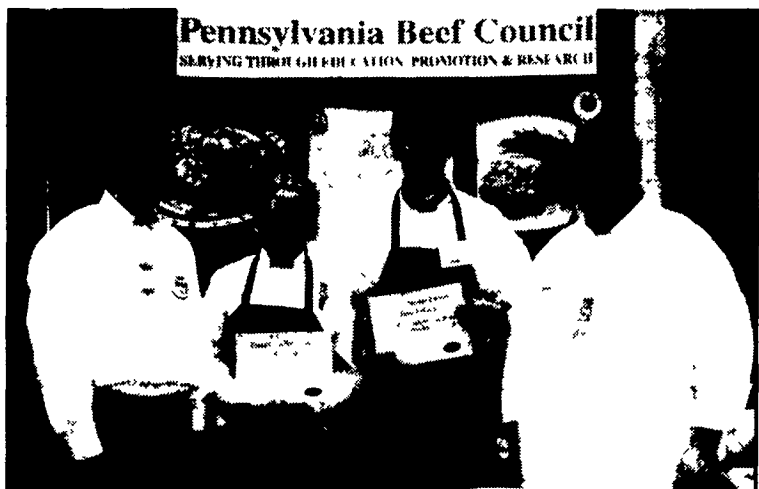


Culinary Students Enter Original Veal Recipes In Third Annual Cook-Off



Pictured are, from left, Patrick Conway, CEO, Pennsylvania Restaurant Association; Wendy Wagner, student, Le Cordon Bleu; Chad Kolaric, student, Harrisburg Area Community College; Charlie Gipe, executive chef, Giant Center.

PITTSBURGH (Allegheny Co.) — Culinary students across the Commonwealth entered the third annual "Veal Cook-Off Challenge" this spring, with winners named at the Pennsylvania Restaurant Show, April 1 in Pittsburgh.

The Pennsylvania Beef Council sponsored the competition to encourage aspiring chefs to create veal center-of-the-plate entrees.

Professional chefs sifted through students' original entries judging recipes based on cooking methods and availability of cuts at retail.

The judges selected Chad Kolaric's Mediterranean Stuffed Veal Scaloppini with Wild Mushrooms in a Veal Glaze and Wendy Wagner's Veal Chops with Fennel and White Wine served with Tuscan Beans as contest finalists, with both students receiving \$250 in prize money for their recipe.

Kolaric studies culinary arts at Harrisburg Area Community College; Wagner is a student at Le Cordon Bleu, Pittsburgh.

Kolaric and Wagner traveled to the Pennsylvania Restaurant Show in Pittsburgh to prepare their award-winning entries and compete for prizes in the "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" categories.

Andrew G. Iannacchione, CEC, AAC, consulting corporate chef for U.S. Foodservice Altoona/Greensburg/Freedom and Charlie Gipe, CEC, Giant Center executive chef, awarded Wagner's Veal Chop dish the "Best of



Judges deliberate during the third annual "Veal Cook-Off Challenge."

Show," while Kolaric was the crowd favorite and garnered the "People's Choice" award.

All entries will be printed in a consumer recipe brochure this summer.

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Ida's Notebook
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Ida Risser

Easter traditions are important to families. Each family probably adds something to the things that their parents did on that special Sunday morning.

On the Saturday afternoon before Easter we colored hard boiled eggs. Each child tried to have the prettiest egg. Even as my mother and grandmother colored eggs with dried onion skins so, I do too.

They get unusual patterns and shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

I think the Easter bunny had as much fun hiding the baskets of Easter candy as the children did hunting them. They were usually hidden in consideration of the height of the child. Occasionally, they needed hints as to where the basket was hidden.

We then had a breakfast that was different than any regular meal. The beef tongue was smoked, cooked, and sliced after being refrigerated. And, with this delicacy we always served toast and three-minute eggs. Other mornings we had cereal and fruit with milk. Living on a dairy farm we bottled six or eight quart of milk every day. It was a job that the children found quite boring. But, they drank lots of milk and all of them got tall, although the grandchildren are even taller.

At last, after spending the winter months in the hospital, my husband has come home. He can walk with a cane but all of the doctors could not

cure his infection. So, we shall have to live with it, and hope that it will not get worse. Then, he'd need another major operation.

Editor's note: Several readers have expressed interest in sending get-well cards to Ida's husband, Allen. Lancaster Farming would be glad to forward your cards and letters to Ida's attention. Send them to Ida Risser, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522 and we will be glad to forward them.

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