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Executive chef Gary Edwards presents a cooking demonstration at the Back Mountain Memorial Library featuring a sherry cream sauce for squash carrot gnocchi and pan-seared scallops.

## Sharing trade secrets

The food was delectable and the presentation beautiful as executive chef Gary Edwards offered "tricks of the trade" to about 20 people during a recent cooking class at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Sharing some of his "secrets" to making food taste as good as he does, the co-owner of Fire & Ice on Toby Creek in Shavertown cooked up carrot gnocchi with butternut brandy sauce and pan-seared sautéed scallops. The presentation of the food, complete with diced red peppers and parsnips, brought oohs and aahs from class participants while the room fell silent when everyone began to eat. A dish of fresh berries topped with a Hollandaise-like sauce made from eggs, sugar and Marsala capped off the evening.



Members of an appreciative audience, including Nate and Alex Wilson, of Harveys Lake, Mae Rome and Claudette Banks, laugh during a cooking demonstration at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.



Claudette Banks holds up her perfectly-plated scallops and carrot squash gnocchi prepared by executive chef Gary Edwards during a cooking demonstration at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

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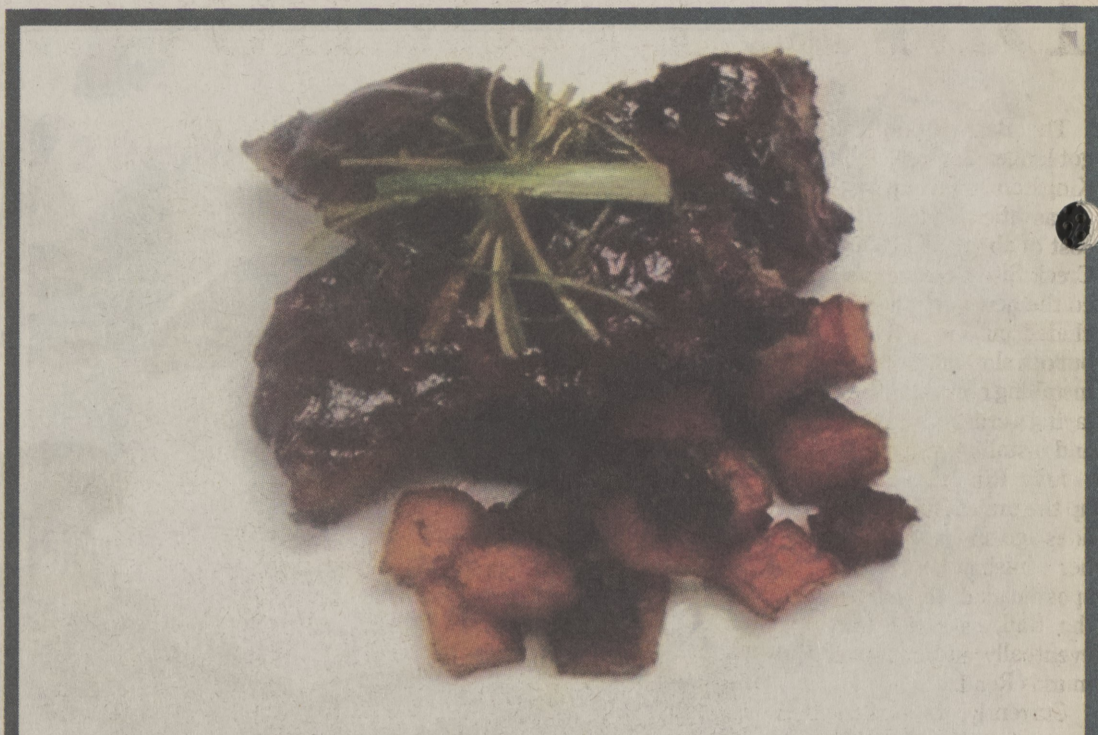


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