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Wheat Farmer Wins National Honors with State Fair "SPAMARONI™ & Cheese Swaddlers"

Linda Graft of Montana has won the "Great American SPAM® Championship," an annual recipe competition held at state and county fairs across the country. The competition called for creative macaroni and cheese-inspired SPAM® dishes. Over 800 people participated.

Graft's "SPAMARONI™ & Cheese Swaddlers" won out of 26 finalist recipes, blue ribbon winners from the state fairs of Minnesota, Texas, New York, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and others. Contenders included SPAM-APOLIS™ Quesadillas, a Mac & Bleu Cheese SPAM® Torte, Smoked SPAMICOTTI™, Tuscan SPAM® Pasta Pizza, and SPAMTASTIC™ Turkey Tetrazzini, among others.

Hormel Foods Test Kitchen Professionals conducted the grand prize judging at year-end and ranked Graft's dish the highest in key criteria: Taste, Originality and Presentation. She wins an all-expense-paid trip for two to SPAM JAM® Waikiki on April 30, 2011.

Graft became a SPAM™ fan through the Montana State Fair's annual best SPAM® recipe contest in Great Falls. She confesses that at one time, the only thing she could cook was spaghetti. Graft crafted her kitchen skills after marrying her husband, David in 1975. She moved from her self-described "California country-club life" to a large Montana ranch. With the help of her mother-in-law, she learned to prepare a variety of meals for a varying number of people. She looks forward to her Hawaii trip she will take with her daughter.



To get Graft's recipe visit: www.montanastatefair.com/pressroom

Northern C Girls & Boys Divisional Tournaments



Basketball season at the Four Seasons Arena starts this Wednesday, February 23 with the Northern C Divisional Basketball tournament. The girl's tournament will run February 23 – 25 and the boy's tournament will run February 24 – 26.

All session passes will go on sale Monday, February 21. Tickets for individual games may be purchased day of.

To unsubscribe, please
email:
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To purchase tickets:

- Phone: (406) 727-1481
- In Person: Montana ExpoPark Box Office in Four Seasons Arena 11am-4pm

Game time and prices vary see below for details.

All Session Pass	Adult \$40	Student \$30
Session 1- Wed, February 23rd	Adult \$5	Student \$4
<i>Game 1 – 1 pm</i> <i>Girls</i>		
<i>Game 2 – 2:30 pm</i> <i>Girls</i>		
Session 2 – Wed, February 23rd	Adult \$5	Student \$4
<i>Game 3 – 6 pm</i> <i>Girls</i>		
<i>Game 4 - 7:30 pm</i> <i>Girls</i>		
Session 3 – Thurs, February 24th	Adult \$10	Student \$8
<i>Game 5 – 8 am</i> <i>Girls</i>		
<i>Game 6 – 9:30 am</i> <i>Girls</i>		
<i>Game 7 – 11 am</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 8 – 12:30 pm</i> <i>Boys</i>		
Session 4 – Thurs, February 24th	Adult \$10	Student \$8
<i>Game 9 – 4 pm</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 10 – 5:30 pm</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 11 – 7 pm</i> <i>Girls Semi Finals</i>		
<i>Game 12 – 8:30 pm</i> <i>Girls Semi Finals</i>		
Session 5 – Fri, February 25th	Adult \$10	Student \$8
<i>Game 13 – 8 am</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 14 – 9:30 am</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 15 – 11 am</i> <i>Girls</i>		
<i>Game 16 – 12:30 pm</i> <i>Girls</i>		
Session 6 – Fri, February 25th	Adult \$10	Student \$8
<i>Game 17 – 4 pm</i> <i>Boys Semi Finals</i>		
<i>Game 18 – 5:30 pm</i> <i>Boys Semi Finals</i>		
<i>Game 19 – 7 pm</i> <i>Girls Consolation</i>		
<i>Game 20 – 8:30 pm</i> <i>Girls Championship</i>		
Session 7 – Sat, February 26th	Adult \$5	Student \$4
<i>Game 21 – 9:30 am</i> <i>Boys</i>		
<i>Game 22 – 11 am</i> <i>Boys</i>		
Session 8 – Sat, February 26th	Adult \$6	Student \$5
<i>Game G Chal – 5pm</i> <i>Girls Challenge</i> <i>(if needed)</i>		
<i>Game 23 – 7 pm</i> <i>Boys Consolation</i>		
<i>Game 24 – 8:30 pm</i> <i>Boys Championship</i>		

For more information contact: Montana ExpoPark- (406) 727-8900

Upcoming Events

Girls Northern C Basketball Divisional Tournament

February 23rd- 25th

Four Seasons Arena

For more information, contact Montana High School Association at (406) 442-6010

Boys Northern C Basketball Divisional Tournament

February 24th- 26th

Four Seasons Arena

For more information, contact Montana High School Association at (406) 442-6010

Travel Time RV Show and Sale

March 3rd - 6th

Exhibition Hall

Thurs - Sat: 10am - 6pm; Sunday: 11am - 4pm

For more information, contact Travel Time RV at (406) 454-0777

2011 State Class B Boys' Basketball Tournament

March 10th - 12th

Four Seasons Arena

For more information, contact Montana High School Association at (406) 442-6010

Contway & Friends Art Show

March 17th - 20th

Exhibition Hall

Thurs - Sat: 9am - 8pm; Sunday: 9am - 3pm

For more information, contact Lynn Contway at (406) 7647

Mountain Motors Custom Car Show

March 18th - 20th

Trades & Industries Building

Friday: 4pm - 10pm; Saturday: 10am - 10pm; Sunday: 10am - 5pm

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