

December 9, 2008

Quick takes on food

Event

Santa breakfast

Simply Crepes Café at the Bausch and Lomb Public Library building of the Central Library is hosting Bringin' Santa Back. The event includes breakfast, followed by a Santa visit, storytelling and a kazoo concert hosted by Barbara Stewart in the library's Secret Room. Seatings are at 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$8.99 for kids, \$12.99 for adults and can be purchased at the three Simply Crepes locations:

- 114 South Ave. (Central Library), (585) 428-8300.
- 7 Schoen Place, Pittsford, (585) 383-8310.
- 101 S. Main St., Canandaigua, (585) 394-9090.

Open house

Chef classes for kids

The Young Chefs Academy is a new business in Webster that offers hands-on cooking classes for kids. The academy is hosting a free open house 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at its first Rochester-area location, 944 Hard Road, Webster.

Each month the academy has a different theme and creates classes about that theme. December's theme is "How Does Your Cookie Crumble." Classes are designed for three age groups: 5 to 9, 9 to 12, and 12 to 15. The Young Chefs Academy also offers cooking camps, birthday parties and other special events.

For more information, call (585) 872-4090 or visit www.youngchefsacademy.com.

New market

Winter farmers market

The South Wedge Farmers Market and Brighton Farmers Market are teaming up for The Long Season Farmers Market, a monthly indoor winter farmers market focused on local and sustainable foods. Participating growers and producers will be selling a wide range of storage crops, such as potatoes, carrots, apples, winter squashes, winter greens and herbs as well as meats, eggs, cheeses, baked goods and wines. There will also be prepared foods to eat on site. The market runs 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16 and May 21 at Artisan Church, 1235 S. Clinton Ave. For more information, call (585) 241-0088 or (585) 474-6532.

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Wine launch

Casa Larga Vineyards is releasing a new line of wines called Gallery 155, which features grape

blends from the winery's best vineyards. There are three wines in the line: a Meritage red blend for \$19.99, a "tre Blanc" aromatic white blend for \$14.99 and a Pinot Noir for \$16.99.

The Gallery 155 Wine Launch runs Friday through Sunday, with Casa Larga offering free tastings during tasting room hours. Casa Larga is at 2287 Turk Hill Road, Perinton. Call (585) 223-4210 or visit www.casalarga.com for more information.

Gift idea

Say cheese paper, please

Caseophiles know that wrapping cheese in foil, wax paper and plastic wrap is akin to death because these materials don't allow the cheese to breathe and keep them in a clammy environment where moisture can accumulate on the surface, causing mold to grow.

To the rescue comes a two-ply cheese paper from Formaticum, an online cheese paraphernalia seller. Formaticum paper has a special light coating on the outside to keep moisture at bay and porous lining on the inside to allow the cheese to breathe. The European-style cheese papers are similar to what artisan cheesemongers use and have a map of U.S. cheese producers on the outside.

Formaticum's retail package of 15 11-inch-by-14-inch sheets and 14 adhesive labels sells for \$9 plus shipping at www.formaticum.com.

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