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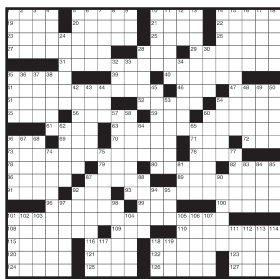
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Prepping A Father's Day Brunch

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Traditionally, omelettes and muffins are foods enjoyed only in the morning. But, for the 22 people attending the Levittown Library's "Father's Day Brunch" nighttime cooking class, it's never too late for breakfast.

The event was hosted by Andrea Moss from Baking Coach, a Huntington-based business that teaches cooking skills to kids and adults. It has been two decades since Moss first attended culinary school in Pittsburg, Pa., but she has enjoyed cooking ever since she was 4 years old. In her late teens, Moss found inspiration in her aunt, a restaurant owner, to pursue her passion as a career.

The audience, clad in disposable aprons, latex gloves, and paper chef hats, watched as Moss prepared buttermilk biscuits, a personal favorite of hers. "Buying biscuits [ready-made]... they're ok," she told the audience. "But it pays to make them from scratch."

Filming her presentation, Moss had her cooking demo projected on a wide screen so audience members could easily watch her process step-by-step.

"I'm more of a passive observer so I prefer demonstrations," said audience-member Barry Richter, "and that's exactly what this was."

Richter, 45, said he frequently attends cooking classes at the Levittown Library.

"I've been to about 10 cooking classes here, but I never end up trying



the recipes at home," Richter said. "But, now I think I might try making the biscuits."

During the demonstration, participants prepared diced tomatoes and peppers for their omelettes. And they seemed to enjoy consuming the food just as much as they did cooking it.

"The food was delicious," said Petrina Ingrassia, 51. "I really enjoyed this. Andrea [Moss] was very friendly and informative. She gave great tips."

Moss also performs cooking demonstrations at libraries, senior homes, bachelorette parties, and school districts throughout Long Island.



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DOT To Speed Up Repairs To Hempstead Turnpike

"This past winter has wrought havoc on our roads, and many highways are in need of repair," said New York State Sen. Kemp Hannon. "I'm pleased to inform weary drivers that the DOT has moved up badly-needed repaving to their 2014 projects list, including on Hempstead Turnpike, and continue to make spot repairs to potholes as soon as maintenance forces are available on other roads and highways."

Hannon said two major projects to restore pavement riding surface by milling and resurfacing Hempstead Turnpike (from the Meadowbrook Parkway east to NY Route 110), and Jericho Turnpike (from Roxbury Road to Robbins Lane), are now in the design phase of their development. The estimated construction start is the fall of this year.

"I've received numerous complaints from residents about many state roads in varying states of disrepair, and immediately informed the DOT when these complaints arose," said Hannon. "Based on this, the DOT have sped up their repair schedule on major State roadways. Whenever a dangerous pothole or similar hazard happens, the DOT does surface repairs as soon as crews are available."

Another major project to restore the pavement riding surface on the Northern State Parkway (from the

Wantagh Parkway east to the Long Island Expressway), and on the Meadowbrook State Parkway (from Glenn Curtiss Boulevard north to Northern State Parkway), is also in the design phase. Construction is expected to begin this fall. Along the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway, resurfacing from the Southern State Parkway north to Hempstead Turnpike is expected to be completed within the next month.

"I'm pleased the DOT is undertaking these projects now," said Hannon. "With this particularly harsh winter, drivers need to know the roads they use are going to be resurfaced and pot holes are going to be filled. I thank the DOT for moving these projects to completion ahead of schedule."

Hannon also notes that DOT Highway Maintenance forces will continue to monitor and repair any deteriorating sections of pavement as needed, to maintain road safety until paving projects commence.

"If any drivers come across potholes or other dangerous driving situations, they should immediately report them to the DOT," said Hannon. "Drivers can call 1-800-POTHOLE at any time to report damage to state roads."

—Submitted by the New York State Department of Transportation

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America's Vet Dog Project

The Lions Club of Levittown will be continuing its legacy of giving as it presents a \$6,000.00 donation check to the 'America's Vet Dog Project' to sponsor a service dog for a returning Veteran.

The Lions Club of Levittown takes great pride in recognizing the sacrifices our military personnel and their families make on a daily basis. The donations collected in Levittown and the surrounding areas are testimony to the support our communities have for our veterans. The funds were raised through raffles, theatrical shows, bucket donations and personnel donations.

On June 10, 2014, 7:00pm event will be held at Domenico's Restaurant, 3270A Hempstead Turnpike

Levittown. The presentation will be followed by our guest speaker for the evening Wells Jones, CEO of Smithtown Guide Dog Foundation. Wells will be speaking to the need for and the process of training Guide Dogs. Also present will be a special Puppy Guide Dog and trainer.

Tickets are \$30.00 person includes complete dinner, desert & coffee / tea, cash bar. Join us and meet with community leaders, Lions club members and friends for a very rewarding and informative evening.

For tickets contact Tom Di Iorio President Lions Club at 516.242.2273 or by email at LionsofLevittown@aol.com.

—Submitted by the Lions Club of Levittown