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**Dutch oven cooking taught at HIC**

By **KELLY GERLACH**

Bring your appetite for a unique home-cooked meal – all made with a Dutch oven.

The Hurstville Interpretive Center is hosting a Dutch oven cooking demonstration beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the center, located one mile north of Maquoketa on Hwy. 61.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Maquoketan Doug Gonner leads the demonstration, using Dutch ovens to cook everything from main dishes to desserts.

Participants will learn tips to easily cook with a Dutch oven, and they'll go home with recipes they can use.

Gonner's been exploring the world of Dutch oven cooking for the past three years.

"I get to combine my two favorite hobbies – eating and playing with fire," said Gonner, who's served on the Maquoketa Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years.

Cooking techniques such as roasting, baking, simmering,

stewing, frying, boiling, steaming and others can easily be done over a campfire using a Dutch oven. Sometimes it's even easier with a Dutch oven than it is to make in a conventional oven.

"There's a lot of trial and error," Gonner said. "So many people give up after erring once."

That's sometimes a good thing for Gonner, who said he can get good deals on Dutch ovens at garage sales. People don't have the perfect technique right away and decide to sell the costly Dutch ovens without a second glance, give it away cheaply to get rid of it.

The cast iron ovens deter some people, both because of the average 18-pound weight and the need to keep the oven properly cured.

"(Curing it) is what keeps the seasoning in it and that deters many people.

"But overall it's fun. I spend a lot of the time chatting, more time visiting and less time being

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**Doug Gonner, Maquoketa,** holds his finished "dump cake" dessert after cooking it in his Dutch oven outside the Maquoketa Sentinel-Press office. Gonner will teach people how to cook with Dutch ovens during a special presentation at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Hurstville Interpretive Center. The public is invited to attend and sample the food.



MSP photo by Douglas Melvold

**Top scholars of the Maquoketa Community High School class of 2010** pose with one of their teachers, Gene Schaul, after the Maquoketa Rotary Club honored them at the club's annual scholars dinner. Honored were, front row from left, Maggi Muhlhausen, Alicia Filloon, Elizabeth Manning, Rachel Lopez, Amanda Hintgen and Jill

Heinrich. In the middle row are Kelsey Bollman, Heather Trenkamp, Paige Schneweis, Linda Keitel, Ellen Fuller, Anika Ehlers, Shannon Daurelle and Gene Schaul. In the back row are Ryan Schwenker, Evan Collister, Marshall Hawks, Bryn Gisel, Colton Feller and Jonathan Sneddon. Michelle Wilke was unable to attend the dinner.

**Top scholars honored by Rotarians**

Twenty Maquoketa Community High School seniors and their parents were honored by the Maquoketa Rotary Club last week for their academic achievements and community activities.

The graduating seniors in the top academic ranks if their class were recognized at the club's 55th annual scholarship dinner, held Wednesday, May 12, in the social room of the First United Methodist Church in Maquoketa.

Kim Huckstadt, district superintendent and a Rotary Club member who was chairman of the event, welcomed the students and guests.

Each student and his or her parents were hosted by a Rotary Club member, who introduced them.

Rotarians Florian Steffen and John Gilroy reviewed each student's scholastic and extracurricular achievements, scholastic activities and their post-graduation plans as listed by the students in a questionnaire.

The students also listed their most memorable teacher, most challenging course, a humorous, embarrassing or memorable occurred during their high school years and the person who has influenced them the most.

The students were presented with certificates recognizing their achievements.

Gene Schaul, MCHS math teacher, was recognized as a special guest at the dinner. Schaul was listed on many of the students' questionnaires as their most memorable teacher.

Honorees and their parents were Kelsey Bollman, daughter of Pat and Kathy Bollman; Evan Collister, son of Charles and Jennifer Collister, and Shannon Daurelle, daughter of Tom and Alison Daurelle.

Also Anika Ehlers, daughter of Tony and Theresa Ehlers; Colton Feller, son of David and Melissa Dostal and Ardell Feller, and Alicia Filloon, daughter of Ron Filloon and Lynn Nelson. Also Ellen Fuller, daughter of Cheryl Fuller and

Larry Fuller; Bryn Gisel, son of Steven and Carol Gisel; Marshall Hawks, son of Michael and Anne Hawks, and Jill Heinrich, daughter of Joe and Shelly Heinrich.

Also Amanda Hintgen, daughter of Brian and Jennifer Hintgen, Linda Keitel, daughter of Jim and Katy Keitel and Rachel Lopez, daughter of Hector and Julie Lopez.

Also Elizabeth Manning, daughter of David Manning and Sarah Hobbs; Maggi Muhlhausen, daughter of Carl "Al" and Nancy Muhlhausen, and Paige Schneweis, daughter of Mark and Candace Schneweis.

Also Ryan Schwenker, son of Jerry and Lauren Schwenker; Jonathan Sneddon, son of Tom and Brenda Sneddon; Heather Trenkamp, daughter of Theresa Taliaferro and Michael Trenkamp, and Michelle Wilke, daughter of Linda Wilke.

The Methodist Women's Auxiliary prepared and served the roast beef dinner.