

## **NET Television's "The Recipe Box" Whips Up Family Favorites from Nebraska Cooks**

LINCOLN, Neb. (Nov. 11, 2009) -- The scent of a warm pie cooling on the counter, the comforting taste of homemade bread or a beloved dish served for Sunday dinner -- recipes celebrate our traditions and whisk us back to precious times with family and friends. And, they are the memories captured in the new NET Television production "The Recipe Box," premiering Sunday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD. The program is also scheduled for broadcast on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. CT and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 3:30 p.m. CT on NET1 and in high definition on NET-HD.

Last fall, NET Television asked cooks from across Nebraska to open their recipe boxes to share favorite family recipes and the stories behind them. From more than 170 submissions, 36 were chosen as semifinalists and then the list was pared to nine finalists who would appear in "The Recipe Box."

The finalists were videotaped with program host Brian O'Malley, chef/instructor at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. O'Malley and an NET Television crew traveled to kitchens across Nebraska to videotape segments featuring the cooks preparing their dishes and sharing their recipe stories. Many of the recipes feature both new and historical ethnic cooking influences in Nebraska.

Finalists, their Nebraska hometowns and their recipes are:

Orlando Afanador, Schuyler; for Puerto Rican Chicken and Potato Sazonando  
Shirley Brunkow, Milligan; for Czechoslovakian Kolaches  
Beth Clarke, Blair; for Swiss Leckerli Cookies  
Jan Dutton, Lincoln; for Platte River Pulled Pork Barbeque  
Angie Jenson, Papillion; for German-Russian Halupsie  
Lesa Kechley, Nebraska City; for Dawson's Apple Caramel Crunch Pie  
Anita Miller, Neligh; for Italian Sausage with Peppers  
Jake Nelson, Dalton; for Danish Aebelskiver  
Sigrid Wimberly, North Platte; for Worldwide Gingersnaps

"The Recipe Box" producer Kay Hall first concocted the idea for a Nebraska cooking show in 2003 when she was working on another program. At a farm in Custer County she and the crew enjoyed a homemade lunch of canned beef, and after hearing the story about making it, Hall whipped up the idea for a Nebraska cooking show.

"This film is a love letter to my mother," said Hall. "Certain values were passed along from her to me in the kitchen. When I was young I didn't appreciate that, but as I got older I realized there had been a lot more going on there."

Chef O'Malley agreed. "The show is about more than writing down a family recipe," he said. "It's really a call to arms to go stand at the stove with those you love and find out who they are."

NET Television has created a special cookbook to accompany "The Recipe Box," and it's brimming with all the delicious recipes submitted for the show, plus dozens more from Nebraskans around the state. Viewers who pledge to support NET Television during one of the broadcasts may be eligible for the cookbook, as well as a variety of other gifts related to the show.

For all of the finalist and semifinalist recipes and more information about the show, visit [netNebraska.org/recipebox](http://netNebraska.org/recipebox). "The Recipe Box," underwritten in part by Walmart, is a production of NET Television. NET1 and NET-HD are part of NET Television, a service of NET. For complete program schedules, visit NET's Web site at [netNebraska.org/television](http://netNebraska.org/television).

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