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**WEST VIRGINIA
ITALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

**Pasta
Cook-Off**

SATURDAY
AUGUST 29, 2026
JACKSON SQUARE PARKING FACILITY
CLARKSBURG, WV

9:00AM	COOKING BEGINS
11:00AM	EVENT OPENS TO PUBLIC
11:15AM	HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST
11:15AM	CANNED PEPPER CONTEST
1:00PM	TASTING/JUDGING BEGINS
2:30PM	RUN FOR THE ROSÉ
3:00PM	VOTING CLOSES
3:00PM	HOT PEPPER EATING CONTEST
3:30PM	WINNERS ANNOUNCED

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SIGN UP TODAY!

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Cook-Off Information

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Cooking Begins at 9:00am
Event Opens to Public at 11:00am
Tasting Begins at 1:00pm

Jackson Square Parking Facility
Clarksburg, WV

**Sampling Bags
\$10.00 each**

includes
Tasting bowl/fork,
One voting ballot,
Access to all pasta entries,
& goodies!

*People's Choice Award is voted on by the public.
Red Sauce and White Sauce voted on by judges.*

Cook-Off Awards

People's Choice Award
\$300, medal, and grill

Judges Choice
Professional Division

Red Sauce	White Sauce
1st - \$250 + Trophy	1st - \$250 + Trophy
2nd - \$150 + Trophy	2nd - \$150 + Trophy
3rd - \$100 + Trophy	3rd - \$100 + Trophy

Amateur Division

Red Sauce	White Sauce
1st - \$250 + Medal	1st - \$250 + Medal
2nd - \$150 + Medal	2nd - \$150 + Medal
3rd - \$100 + Medal	3rd - \$100 + Medal

Participation Award

A consolation prize of \$50 per station will be awarded upon completion of competition provided all rules and regulations are met.

Cooking Rules & Regulations

- **DEADLINE TO ENTER - FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**
- All sauces must be made on site after 9:00am on the day of the competition, or entrant will be disqualified.
- Pasta alone may be pre-cooked.
- Each cook will be provided with 2 pounds of penne pasta for the judges' tasting. Each red sauce entry must use the provided penne pasta which will be presented to the judges' tasting portion. Cooks may choose any type of pasta for red sauce public servings. If a white or other non-traditional sauce is entered, cooks may use any pasta type for the public and judges' tasting portion.
- A minimum of 15 pounds of pasta must be prepared in total.
- All supplies (ingredients, utensils, stove, etc.) must be provided by entrants.
- One table will be provided, but entrants should bring chairs and additional tables if needed for preparation space. Bowls and forks for tasting will be provided by the WVIHF.
- Decorating your cooking area is encouraged.
- A sign must be displayed stating your name and/or organization and the name of the pasta dish you are preparing. A contestant number for voting will be randomly assigned on the day of competition at 12:45pm.
- Individuals may prepare more than one entry, but are required to complete an entry form for each.
- Tobacco use is strictly prohibited while preparing or serving food. No pets allowed in food area.
- Prior to the event, all cooks must contact the Harrison County Health Department (304.623.9508).

*For additional questions and concerns, contact the
WVIHF Office at 304.622.7314 or wvihf.com.*

Canned Pepper Contest

Sponsored by Pinti Physical Therapy

Many Italian-Americans enjoy using secret family recipes and tricks to can peppers annually. It takes hours of perfection to ensure the best tasting peppers in the area.

Do you have the best canned peppers?

Fill out an entry form and drop off your special jar to the WVIHF Office
by 4:00pm Friday, August 14th.
Please attach a separate entry form to each jar.

\$5 per entry - Medal Awarded

Homemade Wine Contest

Sponsored by The Spirit Shoppe

This contest is judged upon taste, smell, and general appearance of homemade wine!

Fill out an entry form and drop off your homemade wine to the WVIHF Office
340 West Main Street, Clarksburg
by 4:00pm Friday, August 21st
OR

Deliver to Jackson Square Parking Facility
by 11:00am on Saturday, August 29th
Please attach a separate entry form to each bottle;
permanently labeled bottles will not be accepted.

In Memory of Eli Wagner

Hot Pepper Eating Contest

Sponsored by Green Acres Farm

*Challenge your taste buds in this high-pitched, high-heat race.
Can't take the heat? Join the crowd that cheers on who they can!*

Contest will take place at approximately
3:00pm prior to announcement of
Pasta Cook-Off winners.

*•Signed release winner is required**

\$5 per entry - \$100, Medal, & Ride in Parade

Run for the Rosé

**Sponsored by Rob Johnson State Farm
& Dr. Mark B. Vecchio, DDS**

Race against the clock while balancing a tray of refreshments!

2:30pm prior to announcement of
Pasta Cook-Off winners.

\$5 per entry - Medal & Prize Awarded

2026 WVIHF Pasta Cook-Off Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Pasta Cook-Off: ☐ Professional ☐ Amateur Sauce Type: ☐ Red ☐ White Electric Needed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Canned Peppers: ☐ Peppers in Oil or Vinegar ☐ Sweet or Medium in Sauce ☐ Hot in Sauce

Homemade Wine: ☐ Dry White ☐ Dry Red ☐ Fruit & Berry ☐ Sweet Red ☐ Sweet White

*Please complete a separate entry form for each area of competition and entry.

Deadline for Cooks: 8/14/26
Deadline for Canned Peppers: 8/14/26
Deadline for Wine: Day of Event 11AM

I have read and agree to follow all WVIHF Pasta Cook-Off rules and regulations. I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participation and release the WVIHF, City of Clarksburg, sponsors, organizers, and officials from liability. I also grant permission for my name and/or photographs to be used for promotional purposes related to the event. By signing below, I acknowledge and accept these terms.

Signature: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____