

Kurella's food column leaps onto television

PAW PAW — St. Julian wines president, David Braganini, and self-syndicated food columnist and author, Laura Kurella, will come together in an unprecedented pairing for a very special cooking demonstration at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 14 in conjunction with Paw Paw's Third annual Spring Fling Festival.

This unique pairing of local wine-maker and columnist/author is planned as a formal way to announce the launch of, "Vitality Cuisine with Laura Kurella" — a new regional television show that will feature Kurella cooking healthier meals with guest chefs and Braganini appearing in exclusive beverage pairing segments.

"Fest attendees will get a chance to get up close and personal with us,"

Kurella said. "David and I are going to take an unhealthy dish and turn it into a pulmonary-pleasing pleasure and then we're going to show how to make a marvelous mini dessert in just minutes!"

"I am looking forward to the event," Braganini said, "especially since both dishes will be prepared and paired using our fine St. Julian's products that a few lucky audience members will get a chance to sample."

Braganini and Kurella decided to team up because of their mutual philosophies.

"David and I both feel very strongly about supporting our local economies," Kurella said.

"People just don't realize just how important it is to buy local, support local business and most



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Kurella shares a joke with her TV audience during the taping of her new TV show, "Vitality Cuisine with Laura Kurella."

especially to buy Midwest made products whenever possible," Braganini nodded in agreement, adding, "With our new-found awareness of the need for us to shrink our carbon footprints, it just doesn't make sense to buy a bottle of Australian

wine that has to travel half way around the world to get here, especially when you have wines like St. Julian's right in our own backyard, giving off a zero carbon footprint."

"David is so right," Kurella added. "When you consider that when

you buy local you're actually helping to support your neighbors local purchases in effect make a positive difference in the lives of people you know right in your community. It doesn't get better than that!"

"Vitality Cuisine with Laura Kurella" airs daily

on cable channels. Check your local listings for stations and times in your area.

For more information about the Spring Fling fest, contact the Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce at (269) 657-5395 or visit www.paw-pawchamber.com.