

What's Cookin': An Easter barbecue

Happy Easter weekend! Although Easter is the one holiday of the year that I usually escape from cooking for, that is not the case this year. For some reason or other, we're hosting Easter— at least for one side of the family.

So, if you are in the same boat as me— working, kids, tired, yet still trying to make something nice for a meal— how about Easter lunch or brunch instead of dinner? The bonus to this is that you'll have all the work done and guests gone with some time to put your feet up at the end of the day, and if we continue to luck out with the weather, maybe you'll be able to mingle around outside!

I'm planning on an Easter BBQ. I think a mixed grill of lamb, chicken and marinated tofu, paired up with a potato casserole that can be made in advance, a nice green salad, devilled eggs (a necessity at Easter in our house) and then some Easter cupcakes for dessert with coffee.

I've got a young baker in the house, so he can be on dessert production. I'll make the casserole the day before, the devilled eggs prepped and almost ready, as well as have all the salad ingredients ready and the meat and tofu mari-

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nated. My hubby can BBQ. So with a little luck, that leaves me with not too big a load on the day of.

Now, when it comes to entertaining, I always use the china, glassware, silver, beautiful tablecloths, linen napkins, etc. But a couple of weeks ago we had a pile of friends over and decided to cut the work load down a little. We used the beautiful tablecloths, china and silver for the main course and of course proper glassware. But we used paper napkins and we used paper plates for appetizers and dessert. We were so busy laughing and having a great time, that I don't think anyone noticed or cared. So, keep that in mind and make your life a little simpler on Easter.

Have fun and keep cooking!

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Lemon Cupcakes

Makes 10-12

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- zest of half a lemon
- juice of half a lemon
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup milk

Icing

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups icing sugar
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp milk

Method

1. In a bowl, mix butter and sugar until smooth and light coloured. Add eggs, mix thoroughly.
2. Add zest and juice, mix.
3. In another bowl, mix together the flour,

baking powder and salt.

4. Add flour mixture and milk to the butter mixture, alternating - start by mixing in one third of the flour mixture, then half of the milk, then another one third flour mixture, then last half of the milk, then last third of the flour mixture.

5. Spoon into paper lined muffin tins. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for approximately 20 minutes - or until a toothpick inserted into centre of the cupcake comes out clean. Allow cupcakes to cool completely before icing.

6. Mix all icing ingredients together - if it's a bit too thick, add a tiny bit more milk. If it's a bit too thin, add a little bit more icing sugar.

7. Ice cupcakes and decorate for spring!



Rock 40 aids Milton Canine rescue

Acton band Rock 40 held a concert on St. Patrick's Day at the Acton Legion raising \$2,300 (concert plus silent auction) for the Milton Canine Rescue. Front, from left, Milton Canine Rescue reps Nicole Moore, Gail Lidkea, and Pat Winterburn. In back, from left, Rock 40 band members, JP (Jean-Paul) Renaud, Randy Gallant, Dave Brown, Terri Joyce, and Andre Arseneault, who also fosters dogs for MCR.



Mayor promotes Meals on Wheels

Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette recently helped deliver Meals on Wheels in Acton, when he served client Alice Szoke, as part of the Mayor's for Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers are needed to pick up meals in Milton and to deliver lunchtime meals. Call 905-873-6502 for more details.

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Kub Kar enthusiasts

Owen Laroche (left) and Philip Denny of the 2nd Georgetown Cubs show off their race cars, Thundery Destroyer and Go Train, at the annual Kub Kar Rally. This year's event brought together more than 160 Cubs from Georgetown, Brampton and Milton at Huttonville Public School, where they tested the speed, accuracy and creative design of their handmade cars. Right: Mattigan O'Leary from the 2nd Georgetown Cubs tests the accuracy of her race car.

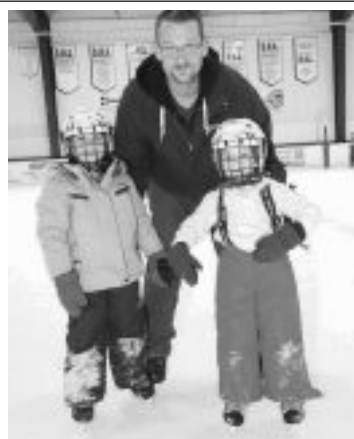
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Let go of my Lego

John Madden, 12, might have been the first one to have his Lego Contest entry submitted at Acton Branch of Halton Hills Public Library, but it seems the entry is a bit accident prone, and has had a couple of minor accidents. John has returned, not once, but twice, to reassemble his entry, in preparation for the judging. The contest was held in March.

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Sisters Audrey, 5 (left) and Hilary Fry, 4, were happy to have dad Jeff around to steady them a bit as they took to the ice at Mold-Masters SportsPlex during free skating in March Break.

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Youth raise hunger awareness

Building awareness of the poverty and hunger in the world, several young people and teens staged a 30 Hour Famine, fasting for 30 hours at Georgetown Alliance Church, during March Break. The kids raised funds through pledges, and all donations went to World Vision. They spent much of their time playing games and various athletic events in the gym. Among those taking part, were (from left) Melody Thomson, Danae Howson, Spencer King, and Laura Mazzuca, who whiled away the time playing a board game 'Settlers of Catan.'

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