

Acton Seniors host open house

Acton Seniors Recreation Centre's Open House and Registration Week is from September 9-13. Come every day and learn about the various programs we have to offer. There are free demonstrations and classes on Tai Chi, canasta, yoga, cribbage, bid euchre and shuffleboard. Put your name on a ballot each day you visit and you will be eligible to win prizes. Draws will take place on Friday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 13 we will have a Welcome Back Barbecue. There will be hotdogs, \$1.50; corn, 50 cents; drinks, 50 cents and desserts at \$1. Please sign up at the reception desk or call 519-853-5951 by noon on September 11 to declare your intention to attend the barbecue. Bingo will start at 1:30 p.m.

Church offers Kids Club

Maple Ave. Baptist Church will be offering the Awana Kids Club for children between the ages of 4 and 11, on Wednesdays (starting Sept. 18), 6:25-8 p.m. There will be games, bible stories, crafts and theme nights.

Registration, barbecue and meet the leaders night will be held Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. at the church, 177 Maple Ave.

For more information call Ed Egberts, 905-839-4644 or Karin West, 905-702-9867.

Dave reveals his top six picnic spots

Picnics are obviously a big hit in our family. We have written about them many times. Today, Dave Kentner has requested the honour of being the guest writer for this week's column— not surprisingly, his topic of choice is picnics.

First of all, picnics are not just for weekends. Most of our picnics are enjoyed after work on weeknights. The following are some picnic destinations we can all enjoy.

1. Cedarvale Park, Georgetown: So close— just pick a spot close to the brook and if you are lucky enough to have your grandchildren or children with you, they can explore and play for hours. If you are alone, the babbling brook is so peaceful.

2. Fairy Lake, Acton: Here you can enjoy a shady couple of hours by a lake. This is a favourite because we like to putter on a back road, exchange the news of the day and start relaxing. Gerry is an Acton child and loves to return home to drive the streets and observe the changes.

3. Belfountain Conservation Area: Nestled in a valley in the Caledon Hills, this park is an annual rite of spring— often our first Canadian picnic of the year (we have had lots in Florida and on the way home from Florida). We love looking for signs of spring in this tiny, but beautiful park.

4. Bronte Harbour: We enjoy a peaceful backroad trip down Highway 25 to this wonderful haven— picnic tables, clean public washrooms, ice cream cones, lots of yachts to watch. Gerry is often called upon to visit the local deli or market to come up with a miracle picnic (one with no notice). This is a great spot for those impromptu picnics.

What's cookin'

Lori and Gerry Kentner



5. Burlington Beach: Now this is a fun place to have grandchildren with you. Lots of seagulls to chase, a big beach, a lift bridge and ships to watch, Arnold's drive-in for fresh cut fires. This gem is only one hour from Georgetown.

6. Wasaga Beach: The longest fresh water

beach in the world— wonderful provincial parks as you arrive via Airport Road, clean washrooms, a sandy, sunny beach, shady picnic areas. Our grandsons can run themselves to exhaustion. (Mom and Dad love to have very sleepy boys dropped off at sun set). One of Ontario's world-class attractions is so close and so easy to get to. You can park your car almost at your picnic table, so you can enjoy the beach and then retrieve your picnic without a pack mule!

I'd love to tell you of at least three or four more places to go, but space is limited for the story. But you've no excuse now, try your favourite picnic destination this week. Have fun and keep cooking!

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Barbecued Tomatoes

(serves eight— one tomato per person)

Ingredients

- 8 plum tomatoes
- 4 oz sliced prosciutto
- 4 oz shredded Swiss cheese

Method

1. Lay each tomato lengthwise on the counter. Cut off top quarter of the tomato.
2. Cut up prosciutto into small pieces and fill cavity of tomatoes
3. Top with shredded cheese.
4. On pre-heated, medium heat barbecue, place tomatoes on the upper grill (where you warm the buns) and cook for approximately five minutes or until cheese melts and tomatoes are hot.



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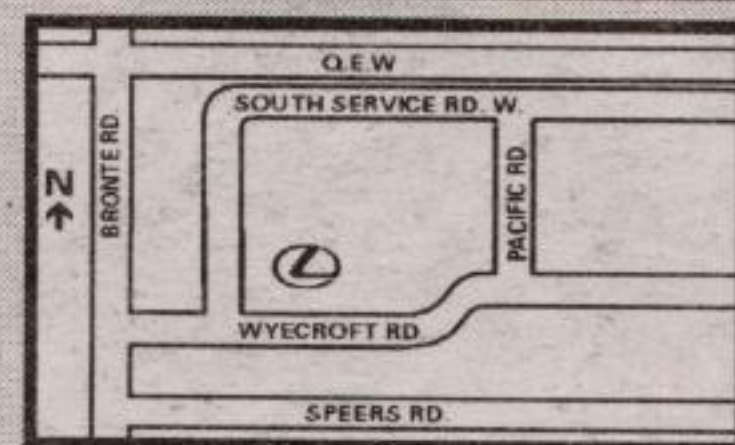
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