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Skiing Over Christmas Break: It's On!



By Chloe Kneer - School is out until after the new year and we've received ample snow. It's the perfect recipe for Espanola's ski hill Boogie Mountain, which opened last weekend. The hill began preparing long before winter arrived and this year promises to be one of the busiest with ski school being added, thanks to a grant from the Ontario Trillium Fund. Brendon O'Farrell will run the program to teach new skiers, or help those who feel they need a refresher.

Also new this year are school ski days with all of the local schools participating by allowing students to ski three days over three weeks. Coordinator Heather Wilson says, "We had a lot of success with hosting the schools, as once the students try it, they really want to keep skiing during regular ski days which are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday



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Breakfast With Santa At A.B. Ellis Public School





The Butterball Hotline - Comedy Central For Turkeys.

Did you know there's an information call centre available at this time of year known as the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line? Over Thanksgiving and Christmas 50 professionally trained home economists offer North American callers tips on cooking turkeys. Apparently not every family chef has the talent or the recipe to deliver a turkey from freezer to oven to Christmas table in mouthwatering, crispy-skinned perfection. Some map out a different route for the holiday bird like from freezer to sauna, to car's overheated manifold to garbage disposal to: "Hello Ming, could I have the "Dinner for 24 Special" with extra fortune cookies?"

Many questions asked of the hotline staff are ... how can I say this ... okay, insane.

Like the woman in Kentucky who phoned the hotline to ask how to get her pet Chihuahua out of the turkey. She tried shaking the turkey and pulling the dog's legs but nothing worked. The hotline person walked her through the process of carefully cutting the cavity into a larger opening in order to let the dog out.

Or the young mother who failed to notice her kids parking their toy cars in the cavity of the oven-ready turkey until the bird had been roasted. Her question was: "Do you think a plastic stuffing could be harmful if we don't actually eat the plastic itself?"

My answer would have been: "No, any toxins from plastic can be neutralized by adding wood chips."

One caller said: "I'm really in trouble. I made a mess of this thing!"

Hotline staffer: "Tell me, what state is your turkey in?"

Caller: "Florida."

One angry request from a caller: "No, I said 'boat' not 'float.' Put me through to the gravy department."

The following are actually questions to the turkey hotline; the answers I made up.

Question: "If I carve the turkey up with a chainsaw, would there be a problem with the motor oil?" (Not just an 'actual' question from a man but the 'most often asked' question from men.)

Answer: "No problem. And if it's the four-cycle engine oil and you add mashed cranberries, it makes for a real nice reduction."

Question: "I heard if you put popping corn in the turkey's cavity you can tell it's done when you hear the popping."

Answer: "If you do not have a meat thermometer, this is the method we recommend. Four handfuls of popping corn in the hole and when the popcorn blows the ass-end off the bird, she's good to go!"

Question: "I'm carving the turkey and it doesn't have any breast meat."

Answer: "Your turkey is upside down."

Question: "The wrappers on my turkey says it's a self-basting turkey. Do I have to baste it?"

Answer: "Only the inside. The outside bastes itself. That's what the wings are for."

Question: "My turkey wouldn't fit in the freezer so I buried it in the snow bank and Continued on page three...



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it's still snowing and I can't find it."

Answer: "If you don't own a pitch fork or one of those flesh magnets, tell your neighbours you want to take their dog for a walk. He'll find it. And he'll like it. Bring a stick."

Ouestion: "Can I brine my turkey in the washing machine?"

"No but you can Answer: tenderize it in the dryer."

Question: "I know it's 4 hours at 325° for a 15 lb. turkey but I'm in a hurry. Can I cook the turkey in half the time if I put the oven on a cleaning cycle? Answer: "Yes, and the turkey

will self-clean along with the oven."

"The directions Question: say to roast the turkey but my oven only has "bake or "broil." Which one do I use?"

Answer: "Both. You need to cook the turkey with what we call the "switch roast method" Stand at the oven and switch the dial from bake to broil to bake every two minutes."

Ouestion: "I'm having a lot of people over for Christmas dinner. Where can I get a 36-pound turkey?"

Answer: "A 36-pound bird is not a turkey. It's an ostrich. Plucking a bird this size can be a real problem unless you kill it first."

Question: "I had my turkey on the back porch to keep it frozen and ... it's gone!"

Answer: "Wish the raccoons a Merry Christmas and go with a festive favorite meal, the "Italiano cena trasportare." Take-out pizza."

Question: "Where can I find my turkey's serial number?"

Answer: "It's under the turkey's back bumper next to the blinker."

Question: "I think my turkey just coughed!?!"

Answer: "That was not a cough. Occasionally in the thawing out process, gas can build up if the cavity stays sealed at the back of the bird and ... light a match, okay."

Question: "If I put my cell phone inside the turkey, can you tell me if it's done?"

Answer: "Yes. If you hear the Christian Mission ring tone "I'm Ready To Serve," it's done. But if you hear the ring tone of Def Leppard's "Long, Long Way To Go" you have approximately a long, long way to go.

Best question ever: "Martha here, how big a turkey should I get for 1,500 hungry, female cons?"

Answer: "Have you thought about a pride of ostriches?" Needless to say, many of the

1,800 calls are referred to 911.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

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Boogie Mountain Ski Hill Open In Espanola



Photo: The view from atop Boogie Mountain.

from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m." The Big Air Competition was also a huge success last year, and Boogie Mountain will host another one on February 1 and 2, 2014. The big air and radar runs will be on

February 1 and Sunday will be ski and snowboard cross. Memberships and day skiing rates can be found at www. boogiemountain.com or you can check out their Facebook page for updates.

Donate the life-saving gift of blood this Holiday Season!

Espanola - Canadian Blood Services is asking Espanola and area residents to consider donating blood to help maintain a strong inventory of blood and blood products for hospital patients this holiday season.

Start your holiday miracle at the Espanola blood donor clinic, Knights of Columbus Hall, Friday, December 27th from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please visit us online at www.blood.ca or call 1 888 2 DONATE (1 888 236 6283) to book an appointment to donate today. If you already have an appointment, thank you, and we urge you to honour it.

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Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of all these events!

BINGOS

MASSEY AREA MUSEUM BINGOS – Held the first Monday of every month at the Massey and District Arena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. \$1525 in cash prizes. 01/07

UNCLAIMED 50/50 TICKETS

Prizes were not claimed for the 50/50 draws on the following dates at the Espanola Rivermen hockey games: September 27, 2013 ticket #442201; November 22, 2013 ticket #825968. If you hold one of the winning tickets, contact Jeff Sheppard at 705-862-1210.

WANTED

WANTED – Winter Tires size 205/65/16. Please call 705-869-2890. 12/24

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

WEBBWOOD EAGLES -New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. featuring the "BACK ROAD COUNTRY BAND." 50/50 draw at 12:15 a.m. Party favours & light lunch included. An age of majority only event, \$10.00 per person. Advance tickets available at the Club, #3 Centre St., Webbwood. For more info. call 705-869-4269 after 3:00 p.m. 12/30

Recipe

Christmas Morning Breakfast: Ham And Egg Breakfast Cups With Hash Browns

- 8 slices of deli ham
- 4 tbsps shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 green onions, finely chopped
- 8 eggs
- 1/8 tsp pepper

Hash Browns

- 1 pound Idaho potatoes
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Ham and Egg Cups:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Coat 8 muffin cups with cooking spray. Set aside. Position 1 slice of ham in each of the muffin cups, doubling each slice over to insure that there are no holes in the bottom of the ham "cups." Sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon of the cheese and about 1/2 tablespoon green onions in the bottom of each cup. Place one raw egg in each ham cup. Sprinkle each egg lightly with pepper. Bake about 15 minutes or to desired degree of doneness. Carefully remove the egg cups using the ham to lift onto serving plates.

Hash Browns:

Peel potatoes. Grate them using the coarse side of the grater and squeeze out water. Place grated potatoes in a small bowl and toss with green onions, salt and pepper. Heat 1/2 tablespoon vegetable oil in a nonstick 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until very hot. Place potato mixture in pan and flatten to cover bottom with a spatula. Cook for 7 minutes or until deep, golden brown. Place a dinner plate over skillet and flip them both over, so browned side of hash browns is facing up. Place remaining oil in skillet and reduce heat to medium. Carefully slide hash browns back into skillet and cook for an additional 6 minutes, or until deep golden brown. Remove from pan and cut into wedges.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Free Christmas Dinners – The Lighthouse, December 25, 4:00 p.m. Massey Christmas Dinner at the Legion, December 25, 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Traditional Christmas Eve Pageant - Zion Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Christmas Eve Pageant on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. Any child is welcome to participate. For more information please call 705-865-2020.

New Year's Eve Fundraiser Dance - for Emily Richer hosted by Railroad Steele at Walford Hall. Call Laurence at 705-862-1201 or Lisa at 705-865-1441 for more information.

Kidz Time in Spanish – Meeting again after the holidays, beginning January 7, ages 4 to 7 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Anne School and January 8 ages 8 to 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Seventh Day Adventist Church on Menard Crescent in Spanish.

Ride to Church Program - St. Andrew's United Church in Massey is offering rides for area residents to Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Call May at 705-865-3455 for more information.

Scrap Booking Day – January 18, 2014 at the St. Mary's School Massey. Proceeds to Immaculate Conception Church. Please call to register (by January 11, 2014) or for info 705-865-2268.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than *Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.* Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca



Holiday Ribbon Plates

This is a fun and simple way to dress up a paper plate when you share your Holiday treats.

- Paper plates, any colour or size (you can use plastic plates,
- but they're harder to punch)
- Hole punch
- Ribbon, craft ribbon or curling ribbon
- Treats



Punch holes about every inch all the way around the edge of the plate. Then pick a spot to start and thread the ribbon through each hole. There are a few ways you can thread the ribbon. It can be up and down or around and around. Both look pretty. Once the ribbon has been through each hole, make sure both ends are even to tie it together in a bow. Now fill the plates with some of your favourite treats and they're ready for family and friends!

Sacred Heart Students Take The Stage and Espanola High School Awards Students' Achievements



Photo: The Sacred Heart School choir performs at the school's annual Christmas concert.



Photo: The Sacred Heart School Drama Club performed the plays they have been working on all year. Here, Molly Vanderburgh and Michael and Matthew Kirkpatrick present "Soapy Smith's Winter Wish." "Space Dirt," an original digital play was shown, and grade seven student Brylie Yarkie's play "Sadie Bradshaw Had a Dream" was also part of the show. Yarkie wrote and directed the entire piece about a young singer/ songwriter who wins the hearts of her classmates after being bullied.



Photo: Sacred Heart grade 4/5 students do a dance number to "Bad To The Bone."



Photo: Espanola High School student Josh Rodley accepted awards for Music, Honour Roll, Functions, Personal and Fitness Activites, Chemistry, and Physics, along with an Award of Distinction, which recognizes the highest overall grade average. Congratulations to all E.H.S. students who earned Achievement Awards at the December 12 ceremony which hosted family and friends as well. The Senior Jazz Band provided music and the awards were handed out by Dean Riggs, Glyn Madill, and Vice Principal Sheila James.



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