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Making Sure The Ice Is Nice



By Chloe Kneer - Our last couple of winters have been fraught with problems for ice anglers. Last winter saw anxious outdoors enthusiasts "testing the waters," so to speak, even though warnings about the safety of our local lakes persisted well into the new year. It can get tedious waiting for ideal conditions, but this year, thankfully, it appears we are headed towards a terrific winter fishing season. Having said that, it is always a good idea to remember some key safety measures before hitting the ice, either on foot or a motorized vehicle of any sort, to avoid danger.

It's important to remember that there are many factors which determine how quickly and how well ice forms on lakes. Air temperature, water temperature, water depth, the size of the body of water and whether or not there are underwater currents, or springs and streams that flow into or out of

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the water are all elements to the ice, make sure you have consider. When you arrive at the lake, do a quick survey of the area, looking for cracks or water on top of the ice. Also, check the colour of the ice, as that key factor can tell you whether or not it is safe. Clear blue ice is the strongest and safest; white opaque ice is half as strong as blue.

If you plan to walk to your fishing spot, at least four inches of ice is recommended. snowmobile Going bv requires a minimum of five inches. Taking a car or small pick up truck will be safest with 8 - 12 inches and if you drive a full-sized pick up onto

12 - 15 inches of good ice. Many insurance companies void your policy once you drive onto ice, so if that's the route you plan to take, you may be risking more than you think. Always be careful around protruding logs, rocks and close to the shoreline, where ice tends to be thinner. Websites like the www. northernontario.travel the MNR's FishONline site provide you with updated information. There are also several social media pages that give information on local lake ice conditions. Happy fishing!

Espanola Phoenix Futsal Team Wins Bronze



Photo: Congratulations to the Espanola Phoenix Futsal (indoor soccer) competitive team for winning bronze in the 2nd annual Sudbury Futsal Tournament. Pictured with Coach Volpini are: standing, from left to right - T.J. Constable, Ally Constable, Aidan Kallioinen, Mathew Cyr, Paige Eadie, Braden Podlatis, Reid Flabiano; kneeling, from left to right - Randy Kneer, Molly Gallant and Arya Mehta.





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Catch You Doing Something Right!



Photo: Sacred Heart Catholic School students with their loomed creations.

Submitted by Guiliana Waram

- Last year the Sacred Heart School community donated purses and backpacks filled with goodies to the homeless community in Sudbury. This year, we are very proud of our students for taking time out of their day to "loom" hats and scarves. They gave them to the Espanola Helping Hand

Food Bank for distribution to the surrounding communities. Way to go! Share your Catch You Doing Something Right! story by emailing around@ aroundandabout.ca or visiting our website at www. aroundandabout.ca clicking on Submit News Tip. Let's share the good news in our communities.



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Notice To New Canadians ... Here's The Real Immigration Test

In 2015 Canada accepted 320,932 just yet. Let's wait and see how this plays immigrants from all over the world, the largest number in more than a century. This year, 2016 will likely break that record with the addition of 37,402 immigrants coming from Syria alone. Each and every one of those immigrants between the ages of 14 and 64 must take the official Canadian Citizenship Test which lasts about 30 minutes and contains 20 multiple choice questions. Immigrants need to answer 15 of the questions correctly to achieve a 75% pass.

entitled "Discover Canada." Ten pages are dedicated to the history of Canada while four pages cover modern Canada. As well as highlighting Aboriginal peoples and the British and French founders of this country, the test admits to historic wrong doings like the Chinese Head Tax and the internment of Japanese Canadians during WWII.

New Canadians are now required to know about our "Coat of Arms and Motto," the justice system, holidays, sports and famous people. No doubt, there will be some confusion. In order to take this confusion and turn it into absolute chaos, here is my own test for immigrants whose first big mistake is applying for citizenship to a country that also happens to be the garter snake capital of the world and whose national currency is derived from the word 'lunatic,'

Here are a few sure signs that you might be a new Canadian.

• If you think the election of Donald Trump to the Presidency of the United States is the most frightening political misadventure since the rise of the Third Reich, then ... no, don't go back to Syria

- If you complain about human rights abuses and the killing of dissidents back in your country of origin instead of complaining about the weather, you might be a new Canadian.
- If you keep your car in your garage instead of using it to store junk, you might be a new Canadian.
- If you love your children as much as your new neighbours love their dog, you're probably a new Canadian.
- If you drive at the speed indicated on Test questions are taken from a guidebook the Speed Limit signs, you're definitely a new Canadian.
 - If you think Air Canada is our patriotic national airline, you've never actually
 - If your first impression is that Tim Horton is a popular evangelist with a chapel on every corner, you're catching on quite quickly.
 - If you think Quebec separation has something to do with the fault line that runs along the Ontario/Quebec border ... oh how we wish you were right!
 - If you think Justin Trudeau is a fine young prime minister, wait a year or two. We eat our young in this country.
 - If you think a doctor who can save your lives or a teacher who can shape lives is more valuable to our society than a guy who can hit over .300 with runners in scoring position, congratulations. You have been named Rookie Of The Year for new Canadians.
 - If you've never had a ten-minute conversation with a stranger about the sweetness of the new crop of corn in August, you might be a new Canadian.
 - If you think David Frum is a Canadian,

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we'd appreciate if you kept it 'political insomniacs.' to yourself.

- If you take care of your body better than your car, you might be a new Canadian.
- If you have looked long and hard at Don Cherry's suits but you still can't see where they're plugged in, you are not alone.
- If the words parka, touque and goulashes sound like specials on the menu at the Balkan Bistro, man, are vou in for a chilly surprise.
- If you think Brian Mulroney was a great prime minister, you might ... sorry that's for the other test, the one that measures your sense of Canadian humour.
- If you think living next to the United States is no longer like sleeping next to an elephant but more like sharing a room with a crack addict who has a gun under his pillow then yeah, join the long list of Canadians who are considered

- If you think the Canadian Charter of Rights is about citizens and liberty rather than a make-work program for lawyers, you might be a new Canadian.
- If you think Les Glorieux is a musical you might be a new Canadian, but you're more than likely a Montreal Canadien fan.
- If you came from a country where you're used to cutting in line, please get unused to
- And finally if you say "eh" but you don't mean "aye" as in "yes," you mean a kind of "huh?/okay" questionlike punctuation at the end of your sentence then ... congratulations. You're now a naturalized Canadian.

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to www.williamthomas.ca

That's A Wrap!



Photo: The Lions Club and their volunteer elves were working overtime just before Christmas, wrapping up all the toys that were collected from the Teddy Bear Toss and Toy Drive. Here they are pictured at wrapping headquarters, aka The Georgian Room at the Pinewood Motor Inn.

Get Ahead Of Tax Time

Banish tax time stress and get eligible for certain benefits. your refund sooner with these easy tips.

Organize your receipts. Don't wait for April to start gathering the information you need to complete your income tax return. Every January, assign a dedicated folder for filing away all your receipts for things like prescriptions, monthly public transit passes, your T4 and T5 slips, and relevant financial statements throughout the year to avoid lost information and a last-minute scramble. If you do the taxes for your children, partner or parent as well, ask them to do the same.

Research eligible credits. Check out which tax breaks and credits you qualify for, such as the Canada Child Benefit, interest paid on student loans, and GST/HST credits. Even if you have no income to report, you should still file a return as you may be

Mark your calendar. Instead of seeing that looming deadline creep up on you while you wait to find a break in your schedule, block off some time in your calendar well in advance and keep that appointment with yourself (or your advisor) as you would any other meeting.

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Thank you family & friends for your prayers, phone calls, visits, cards & gifts received before and after my knee surgery. For the delicious meals & homemade baking delivered to the house after I came home from the hospital. Everything was appreciated very much. Nan Vollicks. God bless each & every one of you. 1/3

PRAYER

Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the eighth day, prayers will be answered. It has never been known to fail. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us, St. Jude, worker of miracles, Pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the helpers prays for us. Publication must be promised. Thank you for the favour granted. ST. 1/3.

THANK YOU

Thank You

My daughters and I wish to express our most heartfelt thank you to our friends and family especially my sisters for their love and support we received on the passing of my beloved husband Bill Turpeinen on December 5, 2016.

A sincere thank you to those who sent cards flowers and condolences to us. Also thank you to those kind people who sent food to my home.

Our most sincere thanks to the nurses at the Espanola Hospital who treated him with care and compassion during his last days on earth.

Also thank you to Dr. Meikleham and the Wikwemikong Nursing Home staff who took care of him while he was on the island. Thank you to Rev. Faulkner who performed a wonderful service.

Thank you to the Legion for the use of their facility. Thank you to Jack Fraser for his wonderful eulogy and thank you to my son-in-law Stewart for playing the bagpipes at the grave side.

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Recipe

To start off your New Year's resolutions, enjoy this guilt free soup that my daughter loves. There isn't any cream, sugar, or any unnecessary additives in this recipe yet



it's delicious and creamy. Plus, there's a secret ingredient in this soup that makes it so good; basil pesto. There is also a secret method; low and slow. Massage the tomatoes, carrots, onions and garlic with some olive oil and a good sprinkle of salt and pepper and pop them in the oven on low for 1 hour. The slow baking process helps develop more flavour in the tomatoes and causes the sweetness to come out, thus eliminating the sugar. The parmesan also adds just the right amount of cheesiness to the soup without overpowering it.

Secret Ingredient Tomato Basil Soup

- 1 lb. cherry tomatoes
- 2 lbs. Roma tomatoes cut in half
- 1 medium onion, cut into chunks
- 7 garlic cloves
- 3 large carrots, cut in half
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- salt and pepper
- 4 cups vegetables broth (or chicken broth)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2-3 tablespoons basil pesto



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Position a rack in the centre of the oven and preheat the oven to 375°F. Place the cherry tomatoes, Roma tomatoes, onions, garlic, and carrots on one large baking sheet. It's okay if some of the ingredients are overlapping. Drizzle the olive oil along with a big pinch of salt and pepper and give it a good toss. Place the baking tray in the oven and allow the ingredients to bake for 1 hour. Check on the ingredients every 30 minutes and give it a toss.

Transfer the ingredients along with any juices from the baking tray to a blender and blend the veggies until they are completely smooth. If you are having trouble blending, you may need to add a little broth to help it along. For super smooth soup, run the puree through a strainer to get rid of any larger pieces.

Transfer the puree into a large dutch oven over medium heat. Add the chicken broth and allow the soup to heat all the way ■ through, about 5-7 minutes. Add the balsamic vinegar, red pepper flakes. Add two tablespoons of the pesto and give I the soup a taste. If desired, add the third tablespoon. Season with salt and pepper to taste.



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