



April Fools' Day History

The history of April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day is uncertain, but the current thinking is that it began around 1582 in France with the reform of the calendar under Charles IX. The Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved from March 25 - April 1 (new year's week) to January 1.

Communication traveled slowly in those days and some people were only informed of the change several years later. Still others, who were more rebellious refused to acknowledge the change and continued to celebrate on the last day of the former celebration, April 1.

These people were labeled "fools" by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on "fool errands," sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played upon them. The butts of these pranks became known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish" because a young naive fish is easily caught. In addition, one common practice was to hook a paper fish on the back of someone as a joke.

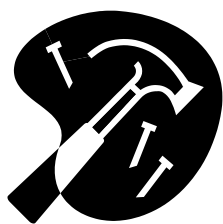
This harassment evolved over time and a custom of prank-playing continue on the first day of April. This tradition eventually spread elsewhere like to Britain and Scotland in the 18th century and was introduced to the American colonies by the English and the French. Because of this spread to other countries, April Fool's Day has taken on an international flavor with each country celebrating the holiday in its own way.



Easy Prank

Scotch tape can be placed over the keyhole on cars and doors and because the adhesive is clear, it won't be seen by your victims. At first the person will attempt to insert the key several times, may think they have the wrong key, and hopefully, for a brief moment, fret in dismay with the thought they are locked out of their car, only seconds later realizing, they were fooled by a gag.

Men's Cardiovascular Health Night



Date: Wednesday April 7, 2010

Time: 7-8:30pm

Location: Northern Lights College



Maintaining a healthy heart requires a full "tool box." Some tools are: knowledge about nutrition, exercise, blood pressure and cholesterol. Other tools are strategies to make positive behaviour changes, such as quitting smoking. There are also tools to manage stress.

The Atlin Health Center invites all men in the community to come learn new tools, and share some old ones. There will be an opportunity to book an appointment for cardiac screening and further follow up at the health center.

Asparagus and Mozzarella Stuffed Chicken Breasts

By: Madenish

Recipe Corner



Ingredients

- 2 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- salt and black pepper to taste
- 8 asparagus spears, trimmed - divided
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs

Directions

1. Preheat an oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease an 8x8-inch baking dish.
2. Place each chicken breast between two sheets of heavy plastic (resealable freezer bags work well) on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound the chicken with the smooth side of a meat mallet to an even thickness of about 1/4 inch. Sprinkle each side with salt and pepper.
3. Place 4 spears of asparagus down the center of a chicken breast, and spread about 1/4 cup of mozzarella cheese over the asparagus. Repeat with the other chicken breast, and roll the chicken around the asparagus and cheese to make a tidy, compact roll. Place the rolls seam sides down in the prepared baking dish, and sprinkle each with about 2 tablespoons of bread crumbs.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until the juices run clear when pricked with a fork, about 25 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).

First Crocus

by Christine Klocek-Lim

Writers' Corner



This morning, flowers cracked open
the earth's brown shell. Spring
leaves spilled everywhere
though winter's stern hand
could come down again at any moment
to break the delicate yolk
of a new bloom.

The crocus don't see this as they chatter
beneath a cheerful petal of spring sky.
They ignore the air's brisk arm
as they peer at their fresh stems, step
on the leftover fragments
of old leaves.

When the night wind twists them to pieces,
they will die like this: laughing,
tossing their brilliant heads
in the bitter air.



Wednesday April 7th, 2010

The Atlin Whisper

*"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world."
Margaret Mead*



ATLIN HILL CLIMB & SNOW DRAG PICS

By Annette Giesbrecht

Ben Sternbergh & Doug Caldwell
do battle in the 600 mod



Ben Sternbergh(fore) & Murry Booth(aft)

Ben Sternbergh(left) & Colin Boyd(right)

Colin Boyd Turbo class winner
Colin Boyd winner of the turbo class

Jason Adams & Michael Gaudrealt

Tisha giesbrecht (left) & Jason Adams (right)



Ben Sternbergh departing Start Line Atlin Mountain Challenge

ATLIN SCHOOL DOES WELL IN WHITEHORSE

Congratulations Bulldogs!

Submitted by Kelly Kohlmann

Fifteen of our soccer players competed in the Whitehorse Indoor Soccer Tournament on Mar 27 & 28. These players have earned some very sore leg muscles from the hustle and effort they put out in all of their games. Most importantly these students represented our school well, with great attitudes and sportsmanship. They also gave each other the encouragement and motivation whether they were winning or not.

Speaking of winning, how did our teams do you ask? The 8 and 9 year olds will look forward to some wins next year. They played 4 great games in their first ever competition.

The 10 and 11 year olds won 2 out of their 3 games. They placed 5th out of 13 teams!

Our lone 15 year old, Joel, joined the Dawson City team and received a silver medal!

Congrats to all the players and to the parents for their big cheers from the bleachers!

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This Knowledge Nugget is presented by Lynne Phipps, Literacy Tutor & NLC & is a **FREE COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Donations toward the cost of renting the facility are however appreciated.

AA Meetings in Atlin

Tuesday 12 noon

At the TRT Social Services Board Room
Suit up and Show up, may YOU don't need a meeting, but someone at a meeting might need YOU.

For more information about AA and Alanon in Atlin, call
250-651-0053 or 250-651-0015 in Atlin BC

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**ATLIN SUPPORTIVE LIVING
SOCIETY**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday April 8th, 2010



7:30 pm

At the Comfortable Pew

The Comfortable Pew is located on
Fulton (right beside Gerri and Ralph
Johnsen's house). Head up the hill on
First Avenue and take the first right
on Fulton. The Atlin Supportive
Living House (The Comfortable Pew)
is the first house on the left.

If you need a ride please call 651-
7445 and leave a message. We will
come and pick you up—no problem.

See you there—Atlin Supportive
Living Society



THE ATLIN RCMP DETACHMENT
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
FOR TEA, COFFEE AND GOODIES
AS WE SAY FAREWELL TO
KEVIN, JILL AND JESSICA WEERES



OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 24TH

1-4 PM

AT THE GARRETT STORE



ARCHIVES GOING DIGITAL



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The character of a community is in large part judged by its will to preserve its history. For a small town the Atlin Historical Society has one of the finest archival collections in the province, made possible by the efforts of numerous volunteers over past decades. These volunteers collected, processed, and preserved our legacy from the days of the first gold strikes to the present. For example, the archives house newspapers and newsletters from the first issue of the *Atlin Claim* in 1899 to the most recent issue of the *Whisper*.

But just holding on to the community's past is not sufficient, nor is it responsible. The collection must be made available for use by researchers, by descendants of early pioneers and by Atlinites who just want to know more about the community's history.

To facilitate the opening up of our records the Archives is initiating a digitalization program. We will start with a project to enter our large collection of photographs (more than 1500 images) into a data base that will both help to preserve them and make them more accessible. To do this volunteers are needed.

If you are interested in helping out give me a call at 651-7750. Better yet, if you see my truck (the one with the orange Roo bumper) parked in front of the archives building—across from the RCMP—come on in and I will show you around.

P.S. A side benefit for those who participate is that they will learn a lot about the people who made Atlin, and for those who have been bitten by the prose or poetry bug you will find many a tale to inspire your creative juices.

Bill Miller



More New Books at the Library



Three Children's books:

Joan Aiken – The serial Garden

The magical, eccentric and very British Armitage family reappears in a collection of 24 delightful stories, 4 never published before. These family stories depict a seemingly ordinary British family to whom magical things seemed to happen regularly, but nearly always on a Monday. For all ages!

Barbara Reid – The perfect snow

A scholastic Canada Book.

Perfect snow is a timeless Canadian tale that will enhance any snowy day. Uniquely illustrated. Reid uses her signature Plasticine style and blends it with ink wash panels to create a mixed media masterpiece.

Janet Russell – Bella's Tree

*A sweet Holiday tale, beautifully illustrated in pastels.

It's the story of a grandmother who's too old to go out and find the perfect Christmas tree. Her granddaughter Bella and Bruno the dog are certain they can do the job and put a smile on Nan's face. With the help of the birds they come up with the perfect tree.

Classifieds

For Sale: Canyon Cuts Services Meat Processing Business. For more information, please contact Scott or Jennifer Odian 651-7496

FOR Sale: Approximately 500 acres of placer property located on the third richest creek(Spruce Creek) in British Columbia. Estimated 550 to 850 oz. in old tailings. Term: Cash plus gold percentage over 4 years. Please call Orest Curniski at 1 780 513-8652.



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