



# NUTTIER THAN A FRUITCAKE NEWSLETTER

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## This is what we've been up to in Osoyoos

At 97 mom gets bored, so what could be better than ordering up a house to be placed beside hers, and now she has Miguel the nice gardener working on tying the two lots together in one theme. You know mom.

Mom and dad wisely had the house and surrounding area subdivided from the orchard decades ago, and since we didn't benefit from the 98 peach trees that were there, we thought hey! a house is going to be way more usable.

Now it's Jan and Luke's home and they're pretty happy with it. It's small but cozy, and like mom's the view is towards the lake so it's quite lovely to stand on the deck and look out.

**Here's Luke in front of the modular home. Mom's house in background. Must've been one of the rare warm days so far this year.**



**Another Tested Recipe: Pork Chops in Cream Sauce** – I've been making this for the family for decades and no pancreatitis to date, so I recommend trying this. Very, very easy and makes a nice tender chop.

Ingredients – for 4

- 4 pork chops (I use boneless pork rib loin chops as lean chops don't turn out as well)
- ¾ cup heavy cream
- 1 package Lipton's onion soup mix
- 1 tbsp corn starch and ¼ cup water

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F  
 Mix cream and soup in a baking dish, turn chops in this and place into the oven uncovered  
 After 20 mins turn the chops  
 After about 35 - 40 mins you should have super tender chops. Remove and cover on a plate, mix cornstarch and water and whisk into the sauce, and return to the oven for a few minutes until thick. Pour over chops.

**Here's the Modular – landscaping to come.**



## A Really Tough Thing

Nothing frightens me more than when I realize I've drank the last of the Mott's Caesar mix and have to open a new one. Have you ever tried to open a Mott's? I have to find my glasses, then get out my large carving knife and follow that line that cruelly indicates where it's allegedly to twist off. However it won't.

Even after that I need a damp cloth and twist like mad. Nope. More cutting, twisting cutting and finally the lid comes loose. Why? Is it such a hazardous product? I mean why else make it so hard to get into? Is it the clam juice?

## Not Sure Why it's so Damn Cold

I still have the furnace on as I refuse to sit here shivering. I feel so bad for the bees, of which I see none, and also the birds because with no insects about they probably have no food.

I've been buying bedding plants as usual, however this year they're all still in the greenhouse where life is good. There's no way I can plant them out when it's cold enough to be wearing the same stuff I wear in March.

## A Disappointing Product

I find expensive chocolate isn't sweet enough so I've always preferred Mars bars, O Henry, Mr. Big, and my favourite has always been Bridge Mix because it has a very long paragraph of ingredients. Perfect!

Imagine my disappointment to discover Hershey Canada messed with the formula and now it's very bad. If they fool around with the Lowney's Maraschino Cherries I don't know what I'll do, as they're my go-to Christmas treat.

## An Excellent Product

I've always stunk at cleaning windows, but thanks to Marie the Cleaning Maven, I discovered Sprayway foam glass cleaner, and ta da, my windows are lovely. Available at London Drugs.