

Reader Recipes

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Baked Tomatoes

6 med or 3 large tomatoes, washed, not peeled
1 cup of crushed saltine cracker crumbs
1/2 to 3/4 cup melted butter
Salt & pepper to taste

Butter baking dish and quarter the tomatoes, not cutting all the way through. Set them upright in an 8 by 8 baking dish. Mix cracker crumbs with butter and salt and pepper. Sprinkle the cracker mix over the tomatoes and bake in oven 35 min. or so until they are soft enough so skin is easily pricked by fork.
Claudia Schultz, Wheeling, W.Va.

Bratwurst

10 lbs. sausage
3 eggs
2 cups soy protein concentrate
1 tbsp ground white pepper
1 tbsp mace
1 tsp ginger
1 tsp nutmeg
5 tbsp salt

Stuff into casings and freeze. Can also be made into meatballs.

Mrs. Raymond Beachy, Tuscola, Ill.

Omelet

Eggs, beaten
Bacon, cooked, crumbled
Sausage or ham, cooked
Onions, chopped
Cheese, shredded
Green peppers, chopped
Other desired ingredients

Give each person a quart freezer bag. Write name on bag. Have ingredients in bowls and let each person put a tablespoon of whatever ingredients they want in their bag. Add eggs to bag and seal well. Put up to 4 to 6 bags at a time in boiling water and cook for 15 min.

Darlene Loudon, Creston, Iowa

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“Red Rider” Zamboni Keeps Hockey Rink Smooth

Last Christmas Vince Hundt, Coon Valley, Wis., got the perfect gift from his daughter and her friend - a homemade, hand-pulled Zamboni that keeps the ice smooth in his back yard skating rink.

“My daughter Julia and her friend Adrian Hugo made the Zamboni out of two milk cans, a Red Rider wagon, and a couple pieces of scrap hose. It’s designed to be pulled by hand and works great,” says Hundt.

Hundt’s 80 by 40-ft. ice skating rink is equipped with wooden boards all the way around and is lit up at night by Halogen lights mounted on top of a pair of 25-ft. poles, one on each side of the rink.

The Zamboni is designed to lay down a thin layer of hot water, just like a real Zamboni does. The milk cans are contained inside a wooden frame that sets inside the wagon. A hose runs from a valve at the bottom of each can and back to a 2-ft. length of copper tubing, located just behind the wagon’s rear wheels. The water gravity flows out the tubing, which has a series of holes drilled into its bottom side. When you open the valve, water dribbles out the holes and onto the ice and is then smoothed out by a towel attached to a metal rod. The rod is connected to the tubing by a pair of light chains.

“It really works good,” says Hundt. “The operator just pulls the wagon back and forth down the rink. The wagon handle was widened so that two people can grab onto it at the same time.

“My daughter got the idea from a Canadian college she attended. Their hockey building was too small to accommodate a Zamboni, so instead they used a hand-pulled model that was mounted on a wagon equipped with a heater.

“Most of the time we use one milk can at a time. To heat the water, we set the can on a high performance, propane-powered turkey cooker until the water gets boiling hot.”

The ice skating rink is actually a pond located on top of a hill about 100 ft. from the Hundt’s home, with a 400-ft. deep valley on the far side of the pond. To fill the pond, they use rain water that’s collected from eave troughs on the roofs of three buildings. The water gravity flows into the pond through a pair of 4-in. dia. drain pipes set under the ground. “Any excess water flows over the edge of the pond and down into the valley,” says Hundt.

One end of the rink is lined by a series of 4 by 8-ft. sheets of plywood, supported on back by cross braces. “The tall boards give us a place to practice our slap shots,” says Hundt.

The rest of the rink is lined by plywood sheets cut to a height of 18 in.

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