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## Maple Syrup time again

Dear Editor:

It is that time of year again to write to you so that you can keep your readers informed about the 1981 Elmvale District Maple Syrup Festival which will be held Saturday, April 11, 1981.

This is the 15th annual Syrup Festival and Spring Fever, the running sap and the return of the robins all indicate the approach of this festive event. Come one, come all to visit us. You'll have a terrific time.

On Saturday night, April 4, the Grand Opening Maple Syrup Ball will be held at the Elmvale Community Hall. The orchestra will be the Varitones and attendance will be limited to 100 couples. The admission will be \$10 a couple so be sure to get your tickets early. There will be a lunch served, refreshments, spot dances and door prizes.

On Monday Night, April 6 there will be a Maple Syrup Progressive Euchre in the Orange Hall on Peter Street at 8 p.m. There will be prizes and refreshments.

The Maple Syrup Cash Bingo will be held in the Canadian Legion Hall Tuesday evening April 7. There will also be an early bird bingo before 8 p.m. so watch for further announcements.

Wednesday evening, April 8 at the Elmvale Arena the annual Family Maple Sugar Skating Party and Entertainment will be held with Jack Lawson and partner performing on stilts. When you realize Jack is in his 81st year, it is really a wonderful experience for us all.

There will also be skating numbers from our Elmvale Figure Skating Club and we will announce the participants as soon as plans are finalized.

The annual Maple Syrup Variety Night will be held on Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in EDHS. Vince Mountford will be Master of Ceremonies again this year and everyone who has heard him remembers his great talents and jokes. Meet the Queen Contestants and see the Queen and Princesses being chosen plus a number of other arts that will be announced later.

Reserved seating plan will be at the Gala Gift Shop, so get your seats reserved early.

Saturday, April 11 is the big day of course. Plans are being made to have the largest Maple Syrup Festival ever held in Elmvale. Our festival is now the largest single day event in Simcoe County and the second largest Maple Syrup Festival in Ontario.

The day starts with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and continues throughout the day until 4:30 p.m. Imagine fresh hot pancakes served with butter and of course our famous maple syrup and beverage for only \$2.25 per serving. The pancakes are served in the Community Hall and are made while you watch.

Don't miss a visit to the sugar bush! Take a bus to three of our local bushes where you will see all the preparations involved in making delicious syrup. You travel on horse or tractor drawn wagons between the three bushes.

The main street of Elmvale (Highway 92) is

closed to vehicular traffic and becomes a huge pedestrian mall, a people place for arts and crafts, home baking, Molson's Caravan, educational displays, the OPP van and pure maple syrup sold by local producers. Syrup is government inspected for your protection.

The Elmvale Jungle Zoo would like you to meet their animals and weather permitting will have a petting zoo for the youngsters. There will be a farm animal and Bud Zoo for the children.

There will be entertainment on the main street mall all day Saturday, a log sawing contest, HCES Band, the School of Dance and we will have one or two of the Hanna Barbara cartoon characters from Canada's Wonderland.

Then the Grand Finale Maple Syrup Ball will be held Saturday, April 11 in the Community Hall with Northern Edition supplying the music. There will be a lunch and refreshments, spot dances and door prizes. Tickets will be \$10 per couple and admission will be limited to 100 couples.

Thank you very much for allowing me to keep your readers informed about the 15th annual Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival. Remember April 11, 1981.

> Yours sincerely, Don Thompson, Chairman, Elmvale and District Maple Syrup Festival Association.

#### **Five** birthdays marked

The birthdays this month of five residents of the Huronia Nursing Home will be marked on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m.

The five residents with birthdays this month are Alf Kemp, Hilda Miekle, Elva Bacon, Lea Moreau and Marie Cadeau.

## **PGH** births

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Laurin of 28 Fox St., Penetanguishene, a baby girl, weighing seven pounds, on Feb. 15, 1981.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fournier, of 424 Seventh St., Collingwood, Ontario, a six pound, four ounce girl, on Feb. 12, 1981.

## Elmvale player assaulted before game

Dear Editor:

Immediately prior to the Friday night Elmvale Midget hockey game in Stayner, an Elmvale player was assaulted in the parking lot of the Stayner Arena by a group of local teenagers.

The Elmvale player happened to be one of the strongest scorers on the team, a fact known to his attackers.

I feel someone, perhaps the parents, should take some of the responsibility for the actions of these

attackers. Police were called and charges are pending, but it is my opinion that a sports facility such as the Stayner Arena is not the place for

Perhaps the parents of the young people in question should be teaching them the true

> Kirk Hargrave Coach of Elmvale Midgets

## violence of this type.

meaning of sportsmanship.

Reader sets the record straight

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my disappointment in your newspaper's continued use of the expression "unilingual" French high school when referring to Ecole Secondaire LeCaron, Citizen, Feb. 13, 1981, page 1.

The same applies to mayor Bellisle for using the same term, as quoted on the same page.

After a couple of years of almost weekly reporting the ongoing school development, any newspaper worth its salt, or shall we say its ink, should be capable of reporting facts accurately, or at least use the proper terms to identify a said item.

A French Language Secondary School is a truly bilingual high school whereas ESPSS is not a bilingual school, but in fact, is classified as a mixed school.

As for M. Bellisle, his tunnel-vision opposition to

a French language secondary school seems to render him incapable of seeing the positive side of true bilingualism, and it also seems to take away his ability to use the proper vocabulary when it applies to our school.

It is my hope that this crippled and crippling attitude does not spread to municipal matters.

Yours truly, A Penetanguishene taxpayer, Gilles Maurice

#### Honey Harbour trio falls short

Gary Vessair, Bruce Vessair and Peter Van **Dolar of Honey Harbour** didn't fare that well this past weekend in Wasaga Beach where they took part in a cross-country snowmobile race.

The trio didn't even make the finals apparently, a development totally strange for the three.

Correction

A story that appeared on the front page of the Friday Times indicated Mike Robitaille had been initially awarded \$4,435,000.

That figure should have read \$435,000. We regret the error and the confusion it may have caused.

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#### 26, at Midhurst. Seniors card tournament

by Eileen F. Dyett Champlain Senior Citizens had a delightful Valentine's party Tuesday evening, even though the miserable weather prevented

many from attending.

The high scores for euchre were won by Albertine Gauthier and Bea Gordoniere. The table of refreshments looked so inviting with the beautiful red and white setting and delicious food prepared by Della DesRochers, Ethel Gianetto, Rita Chevrette, Bea Gordoniere, Grace Bowen and Iona Zab. Decorations were made by Eileen Dyett.

Our second euchre tournament is in full swing, and we hope to have as many members as possible attending next Tuesday evening.

Pleased to see Lois Chmielak in our midst following her recent operation. We sincerely hope she will feel well and strong again soon.

Our Friday Seniors' bowling league is going strong. To date, Harold Matthews has the high average of 202 for men for ladies. They also have the top flat scores.

Cindy Prentice has the high double with Thompson (521) with

and Thelma Cooper 186 handicap. Bill also has the high single with handicap (304).

council meet

Next regular meeting

of Simcoe County

Council has been set for

a week tomorrow, Feb.

County

Edith Ross has the handicap (512) and Bill high single with handicap for ladies (322).

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