

Countdown to Winterama

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Just about now we should be heading into the winter blahs. Cheer up, Penetanguishene's annual Winterama is just around the corner. Feb. 17, 18, and 19 are the days to circle on your calendar for a weekend of fun. Invite your out of town friends and start planning your Winterama weekend.

As usual, the 37th annual Winterama will depend greatly on weather conditions. This year's outlook looks even better than previous years, with an abundance of snow that has already fallen. This year's weather predictions may allow

Winterama events to be scheduled next to the ice area as well as many other places within Penetanguishene and surrounding area.

This year's committee is now in full swing, meeting every Wednesday in the council chamber and planning many activities for you to enjoy.

The now traditional and every popular lumber-jack competition will again be held on Saturday. Start your chainsaws and begin practising for your event. Watch the column for a program description as well as registration information. This year, the competition will also be giving a prize for the best dressed competitor

of the day.

Winterama wouldn't have the same flavour if it didn't have the Queen competition. Once again, under the direction of Mary Dubeau, the competition already promises to be a special evening. Local merchants, small businesses, contractors and major industries help make this event possible through generous sponsorship, and prizes donated to contestants.

The criteria for the Winterama Queen Contest are as follows:

Candidates must be 16 years of age or older (preferably high school students but working girls will be accepted.)

There is a limit of 15

contestants. Two have already applied. Please call for information on an application form as soon as possible. You may call the Chamber of Commerce (549-2232) or Mary Dubeau (549-2966).

The Penetanguishene Rotary Club this year is selling Winterama buttons.

These reasonable priced souvenir buttons will soon be available from any Rotary member and from many local businesses. Buy one and support this 37th Winter Carnival in Penetanguishene.

Another Rotary Club event is the giant parade on Saturday.

This year there is a challenge to business clubs and even families to put together a parade

entry. When times are tough, everyone especially appreciates a good parade, and over the past few years, the Winterama parade has acquired quite a glowing reputation. To place your entry in the parade you may call Peter Shirriff, or Gerry Light, as well as any of the Rotarians.

The Maple Valley Club is sponsoring another one of its fantastic "kick off" dances on Friday night with a live band. The Saturday agenda is full of talent and fun for everyone, with a talent contest in the afternoon and evening, as well as a dance featuring a live band to wind up a great day of activity. Watch this column for more details of events at the Maple Valley Club, or call the club for more details.

CKMP is sponsoring The Great Bed Race this year. This event is planned for Saturday morning prior to the parade. CKMP's disc jockeys are already starting plans for their entry and construction of their bed. Anyone wishing to enter this new event, please contact Scott Warnock at CKMP for further details regarding rules and regulations for the bed race.

The Bahai community in conjunction with the

Winterama Committee and le Centre d'activites francaises is sponsoring a children's drop off centre at the nursery of Le Centre d'activites francaises on Saturday afternoon. This will allow parents to leave their kiddies for a short time and enjoy some of the adult events of the carnival. Further information will be issued in future columns.

The Penetang Legion again will sponsor its famous bean supper Friday night. Three dollars per person will ensure you a full stomach and a great time at the dance that will follow, with a disc jockey in attendance. On Saturday, the Legion promises two pea soup wagons for your eating pleasure, and a festive time in the Normandy room in the afternoon as well as evening, with a live band.

The Legion's Ladies Auxiliary will again sponsor a craft and bake sale on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in All Saints Hall.

Le Centre d'activites francaises continues its tradition with its Restaurant Chez Nous open to visitors on Saturday. The lumber-jack competition will prove to be a great crowd pleaser. The Centre is working into the step dancing and fiddling competitions in

the evening. Future columns will give you more information on the many activities to be held at le Centre d'activites francaises. Rumour has it that Bonhomme Carnival will be sporting a new suit this year.

The Arena Parks and Recreation Committee is planning a gala Saturday night dance in its newly renovated room. The first draw will take place that evening. The major Atom hockey tournament already has 11 teams registered for events to be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Penetanguishene Arena. Some of these hockey clubs come from quite a distance to join in the fun of Winterama.

As you can see, Winterama '84 promises to be an even better and bigger weekend than in previous years.

This has been your first countdown to Winterama column. Remember to check Wednesday's paper for more events and an update on these activities. Winterama is for everyone. It's not too late to plan a new event for that weekend. Please phone the Chamber of Commerce secretary (549-2232) with details about your event so we can include details in the column.



A sure sign of spring?

Spring thaw? Well not quite! This "rural" scene was snapped earlier this month during one of the "warmer" days we have experienced this winter

in North Simcoe. Picture taken in Tiny Township.
—Shirley Whittington, photo

Stolen vehicles recovered

Jan. 16 was a busy day for Penetanguishene police, who arrested two suspects in connection with two separate incidents of car theft.

A vehicle was stolen when its owner left the motor running while he

was doing some shopping at the IGA. He reported it to the police, and the car was found by a patrolling officer in a ditch on Main Street.

A witness at the scene reported seeing a man

with a suitcase running toward the bus station.

Police set up roadblocks in Elmvale, and stopped several busses.

A suspect was apprehended and charged in Penetanguishene. Charged with theft over \$200, possession of stolen goods over \$200, care and control of a motor vehicle, refusing to give breath samples and driving while under suspension was Kevin Marshall Monague, 19, of a Toronto address.

In a separate incident, a vehicle which was reported stolen in Welland, Ontario was spotted behind a Penetanguishene address by a local police. They staked out the premises and arrested a man who was charged with possession of the stolen vehicle. He was transferred to the custody of Niagara Regional police, on an outstanding bench warrant for theft of a vehicle.

Grace Webb

The death occurred on Jan. 11, 1984, at Huronia District Hospital, of Victoria Harbour resident Grace Gwendolyn Webb. The Jephson Street resident, the former Grace Gillespie, was a registered nurse, trained at St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland.

The Victoria Harbour native was a registered nurse at the old St. Andrew's Hospital and at Huronia District Hospital. She was a nursing supervisor until her retirement in 1979. She worked part time for two further years.

She married her husband, Fred Webb, on Oct. 2, 1942, in her parent's RR 1, Victoria Harbour home. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Victoria Harbour, and of St. John's UCW.

Her husband survives her, as do her sons Brian of Victoria Harbour and Keith of Oshawa, also her brothers John of Guelph and Gordon of RR 1, Victoria Harbour. There is a granddaughter, Carolyn. Her parents, John and Elizabeth Gillespie, predeceased her.

Rev. Wesley Oake and Rev. Gordon Nodwell officiated at the funeral service held in Nicholls Funeral Home on Jan. 14. Interment in Victoria Harbour Union Cemetery.

The family would appreciate any special memories friends of Grace Webb could share in a short written paragraph, to be included in a special memory scrap book.

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