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Birds like Maple too

By Valerie Timline
Maple correspondent

Maple seems to be a birdwatchers paradise. Not only do Maple's residents think it's a great place to live, but so do our feathered friends.

In the past few years our bird population has steadily increased. They are most certainly well fed by the town folk and many of us are delighted to compare notes as to what species we have seen lately.

There are of course the everfaithful sparrows various kinds, and the heralds of spring the robins, and lots of beautiful but noisy jays. Cardinals, chickadees, nut hatches, juncos, downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers and redheaded woodpeckers all enjoy the many birdfeeders. A recent arrival has been a yellow shafted flicker. Other visitors during the year, the lovely evening grosbeak, wild canaries, humming birds, Baltimore orioles, scarlet tanagers, crows, wrens, swallows and the never ending supply of starlings and grackles.

Last year a lovely pair of brown thrashers made their home in our yard and one unfortunately lost his magnificent long tail feathers to an irate mother robin.

No doubt this list is incomplete and we would be pleased to hear from our readers about other species sighted.

Several people have called to ensure that Brigitta and Mike Weidenfelder of Clemson Crescent are wished a happy 25th wedding anniversary. Brigitta and Mike have lived in Maple for nearly eighteen years. Hope their big day, January 12 was a happy one.

Chris Brown of the 1st Maple Guides reports "this past month the older girl's company started a five-week course given by the St. John's Ambulance. The first lesson involved the use of bandages and learning the terms which will be used throughout the course. Judging by the amount covered in the first evening, it looks like it could be a busy five weeks".

Remember that ceramics classes start Thursday at Joseph A Gibson School, 7:30-9:30 pm. Call Pat Ferguson for further information.

Ladies figure skating lessons started again January 9 at Maple Arena. If you have never skated before, it's never too late to learn. If you can skate, one can always learn more and also have a good time. This class is strictly for adults. For further information call Shirley Amodeo (832-2409).

Bridge: Highly qualified bridge instructors are available now for those interested in lessons both in beginner and intermediate stages. Please call Carol Flynn (832-2666) concerning this. It is possible that afternoon or evening classes could be arranged. We can get this activity going if enough people show interest.

School news

Parents are reminded that this Friday will be a professional development day at Joseph A. Gibson and George Bailey Schools. On that day the schools will be closed to students.

The staff of George Bailey will be attending workshops at different schools in the area, concerning language arts, mathematics, French, art, science and classroom management. Several of the staff of Joseph A. Gibson will attend a workshop at the new Metro Zoo.

The staff and students of George Bailey welcome Carl Phillips, the new homeroom teacher for 6C. He will be carrying out the school's art program and is himself an artist.

Hockey dance

The Maple Minor Hockey Association will hold a Valentine Dance in the Maple Community Centre February 14. The buffet will of course be by Manfred Haas of the European Delicatessen. Tickets will be available from any MMHA executive, at the Maple B.P. Station or at the European Delicatessen. More details later.

Library coffee party

There will be a coffee party for all residents of Maple and vicinity to meet Audrey Armstrong, author of the best seller "Harness in the Parlour", January 21 at the library, between 10 and 11:30 am.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and chat with our very own celebrity.

Around Maple

Only one of the rewards of driving a school bus in Maple is the get-together for coffee three mornings a week at European Delicatessen. For Woodbridge resident Jean Thompson (l-r) and Maple residents Gwen Hallam, Helen Fleury, Margaret Matthews and Arlene Mitchell it is — believe it or not — a form of relaxation. Twelve-year veteran Matthews has also been driving one of her children to school from kindergarten through Grade 10. And last week Gwen Hallam was celebrating her bus passing 100,000 miles without a new clutch or brakes.



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