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Freezing Rain Stops Few From Maple Syrup Festival



Local craft vendors were also at the Legion showcasing what many local artisans and producers make for the many in the region who make the annual trek to the festival. A \$1000 raffle will be drawn at the end of the festival, and there is plenty of reason to either head back this

Freezing rain didn't stop people from attending the 57th Annual Maple Syrup Festival at Royal Canadian Legion in Richards Landing. The festival is the largest event put on at the Legion spanning two weekends. While poor weather perhaps kept some away Saturday, there were still long lines for all you can eat pancakes, sausages and St. Joseph Island maple syrup at peak times.

It's always been a great deal at \$13 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under, the value seems even greater in 2026. Besides having your fill of pancakes, maple syrup producers are there with many types of syrup available to purchase. From wood fired dark, to light amber syrup, many people have a favourite but we've yet to try one that we didn't find delightful.



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57th Annual MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



**APRIL 4, 5
&
APRIL 11, 12**

**8:00 AM
TO
3:00 PM**

**Royal Canadian Legion Br. 374
Richards Landing, ON**

ADULTS \$13

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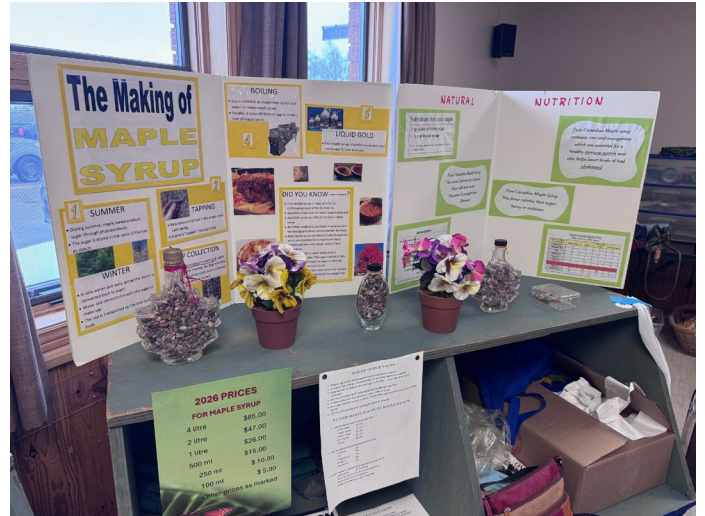
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EXPERIENCE THE TRADITION!

- 🍁 All you can eat pancakes, sausages, and St. Joseph Island maple syrup
- 🍁 Maple syrup producers will be on site with their products
- 🍁 Craft tables, maple candy and maple syrup for sale
- 🍁 \$1000 raffle ticket available (Licence #778784)




...MAPLE SYRUP continued from cover



weekend or go have your fill if you were unable to attend last week. While good or bad weather can play a factor in overall attendance, the record for attendance was 4558 back in 2008. The festival is however a signal that these cold and snowy days will soon be behind us and real spring will soon be here. It's still too early to say if this year is a good maple syrup producing year.

The event would not be possible without the countless number of volunteers who do everything from flip pancakes all morning into the afternoon to greet you with a smile as you enter. While many long term volunteers have been at the festival long term, it's also a great opportunity for high school students to get volunteer hours and learn about working in a friendly fast paced environment.






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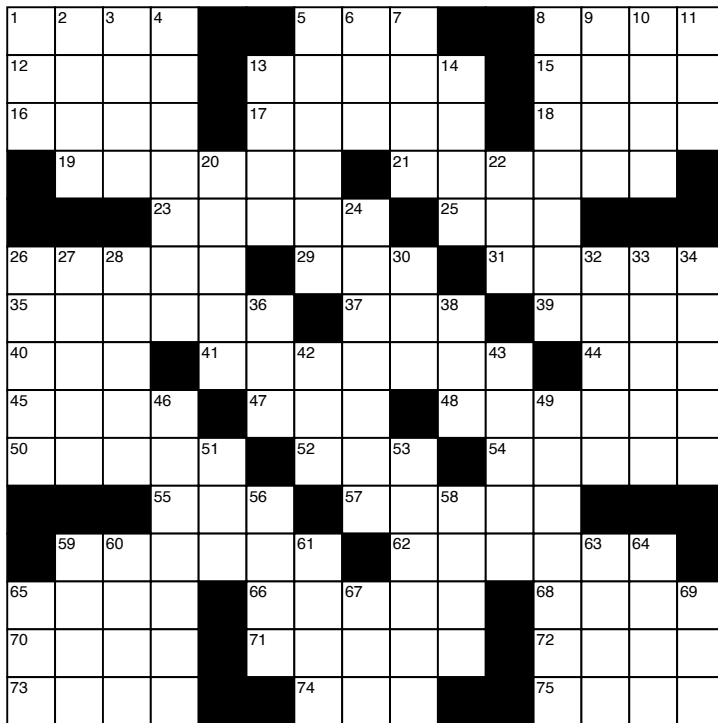
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ACROSS

- 1 Greek god of war
- 5 Distress call
- 8 Greek goddess of youth
- 12 Flat bread
- 13 Keen
- 15 Paddles
- 16 Travel around
- 17 Uncovered
- 18 Legal document
- 19 Neater
- 21 Center
- 23 Major world religion
- 25 British drink
- 26 African nation
- 29 Disallow
- 31 Bosom
- 35 Cover Girl's competitor
- 37 Pull
- 39 Mumble
- 40 Shade tree
- 41 Restaurant with dancing
- 44 Flightless bird
- 45 Healing plant
- 47 Mom's partner

- 48 Mountain lion
- 50 What one of the magi brought
- 52 Pain unit
- 54 Throw ball
- 55 Cause of sickness
- 57 Tuner
- 59 Geological formation
- 62 Outing
- 65 Contemplate
- 66 Small Mediterranean boat
- 68 Movie star
- 70 Uproar
- 71 Tipped
- 72 Indication
- 73 What Celestial Seasonings makes
- 74 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 75 September (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 Able
- 2 Rampage

- 3 Decorative needle case
- 4 Pizza fish
- 5 Beetle
- 6 Possessive pronoun
- 7 Prow
- 8 Elephant seats
- 9 Royalty
- 10 Cheese
- 11 Eastern Standard Time
- 13 Cain killed him
- 14 Revise
- 20 Jacob's father
- 22 December
- 24 Spanish bullfighter
- 26 Shine
- 27 Christmas plants
- 28 Protective covering
- 30 Neither's partner
- 32 Choose
- 33 Berried shrub
- 34 Truism
- 36 Sonny
- 38 Net
- 42 Not good
- 43 Theme
- 46 Pencil ends
- 49 Instruments that mimic living organisms
- 51 Possessive pronoun
- 53 Jacket parts
- 56 Ms. Minelli
- 58 Dictionary (abbr.)
- 59 Deaden
- 60 Continent
- 61 Soft white cheese
- 63 Bored
- 64 ___ de grace
- 65 Mountain Standard Time
- 67 Pen brand
- 69 Permit



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TRUNK ROAD, NESTORVILLE, HURON SHORES



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Beautiful forested property, featuring a natural spring and frontage on Highway 17, Trunk Road, and Island View Drive. The main 12-acre surveyed parcel offers great potential for a dream home, please contact the listing agent before viewing.

13.34 Acres

3064 GOVERNMENT ROAD, TOWNSHIPS OF TARBUTT AND LAIRD, DESBARATS AND ECHO BAY



\$6,574,000

19 properties and farm buildings located in and around Government, McKnight, MacLennan, McCluskie, Rydell Mill and Calabogie Roads with frontages on Hwy 17. Majority is very close to St. Joseph Island Hwy 548/Hwy 17 intersection. Review diagram for details.

3 **3** **2263** sq ft plus Farm and outbuildings **1691** Acres

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2 large loft bedrooms **0** outhouse **1107** sq ft **320** Acres

3515 HURON LINE, ST. JOSEPH ISLAND



\$1,250,000

Exquisite waterfront home with walkout basement, stunning kitchen with 2 islands & coffee bar, privacy, attached and detached garages, gorgeous sunsets, views of the shipping channel! Heating has two new furnaces and 2 new heat pumps. Installed Dec 2025.

6 **3½** **3562** sq ft + **2003** walk out basement **2.3** Acres

66 FOXBOROUGH TRAIL, SAULT STE. MARIE



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Discover the perfect balance of comfort, space, and lifestyle! This beautifully maintained executive home offers bright open living, versatile finished spaces, and a private backyard retreat in one of the city's most desirable neighbourhoods.

3+2 **3** **1657** sq ft **64' x 124'**

60 CATHCART STREET, SAULT STE. MARIE



\$149,000

This home features a bright sunporch, an airy kitchen and a versatile loft. Conveniently located—this property offers great backyard access, a garage, and ample parking.

4 **1** **1764** sq ft **30' x 120'**

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APRIL 'UNDERSTANDING DIFFERENT POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES' FORUM

The next 'Understanding Different Political Perspectives' meeting will be held Monday April 13th at 7pm at the Old Town Hall in Richards Landing.

These forums are provided to give anyone who wishes an opportunity to discuss local, national and international issues of concern. We all have various perspectives and opinions shaped by our experiences, beliefs and circumstances. The goal of these meetings is to give everyone a chance to discuss these things with others face-to-face instead arguing on social media, or getting lost in the echo chamber of online media. This is a chance to discuss your opinions, ask questions, talk with (and challenge) each other about issues in a way to encourages thoughtful discussion and an effort to understand others, even in disagreement.


Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or knowledge. There are some ground rules, but most important is a willingness to listen and consider what is being said by others.

- Jody Wildman



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 in Richards Landing is holding its 57th Maple Syrup Festival April 4, 5 and 11, 12, 2026 - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancakes, Sausages & St. Joseph Island Maple Syrup - beverage and taxes included. Adults \$13.00, Seniors \$12.00, Under 10 \$7.00. Local crafts, maple candy and maple syrup for sale. \$1000.00 Raffle. For information: 705-246-2494

SPRING FLING FUNDRAISER
Thank you for supporting our NSHN Aux Fundraiser. Thank you to the Aux workers, friends & family for helping to make this evening a success. We had fun, ate and were entertained with a lovely fashion show & vendors presentation. We're raising money for yet another piece of equipment for Matthews Hospital on Beautiful St. Joseph Island.

' A Cup Of Spring Tea ' fund raiser ,will be held on Saturday May 23 rd at the Richards Landing Town Hall. All proceeds, once again, will go to our critically needed PSW Program. Posters will be displayed soon. Mark your calendars ! Hope 2C U 4 T. Pam and the Tea Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Fawcett of the Algoma Fish and Game Club will be the presenter at the Conservation Centre, 1802 Twentieth Side Road, on Thursday, April 9th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Algoma Fish and Game Club shares many interests and has actively supported SJL Hunters and Anglers. Randy will speak about the Algoma Fish & Game Club, and he will provide updates about OFAH's current projects and Zone D initiatives. All are welcome.

St. Joseph Island Lions Club Announcement: Due to rising expenses our monthly Pancake Breakfasts (4th Sunday of the month, excluding December) admittance will be increased, starting this April 26th breakfast. Adults will now pay \$14, children 6 - 12 \$7, under 6 free. The menu includes: pancakes, French toast, maple syrup, eggs, sausage, fruit & beverages. We hope to, with gratitude, continue with your support in helping our Island community.

Too much snow to get out and exercise? The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 374 offers indoor walking in our main hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - 9:00 AM to Noon. Everyone is welcome.

AlgomaTrad monthly community called dances at the AlgomaTrad Main Hall April 10th, May 9th! All starting at 7PM with family friendly easy dances, progressing to more advanced contras/squares from 9 - 10:30pm.

A message to parents who may consider enrolling your child or children to Camp McDougall. Now is the time to register. There have been many changes for the campers, starting last season and continuing on this year. The campers who went last year are enthusiastic about returning. For information, go to www.campmcdougall.com Financial assistance for any family is given by the Outreach Committee of the Grace United Church in Hilton Beach and the Harmony-St. Marks United in Richards Landing. For information-call Lorrena Bookman at 705-246-2103

**RCL Br. 374
Wing Night
Every Thursday
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ISLAND BIBLE CHAPEL, 1331 Littleton Street, Richards Landing, 705-246-2673, www.islandbiblechapel.com. Sunday Services are 10:00 AM for the Lord's Supper, and 11:15 AM for the Family Bible Hour.

The St. Joseph Island United Churches would welcome you at either of their Sunday services: 9:30 a.m. at Grace United in Hilton Beach or 11 a.m. at Harmony St. Marks in Richards Landing. For more information please call 705 246-2578 or email St.Joseph.is.uc@bellnet.ca. Hope to see you there.

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AA meetings will be held at the United Church in Richards Landing side entrance on Fridays at 7:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you if you need our support.

Card Parties are held at the Gordon Lake Hall First Friday of every month at 7:30 pm. Come and enjoy a social evening of playing 500 bid or Crokinole. Prizes are awarded and a delicious lunch is served at the end of the evening. Admission includes door prize.

**Friday Food
Special
at The Legion**

This Friday

**No Friday Foods
Maple Syrup Festival
Friday Foods
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17th**

5pm - 7pm

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Crib every Tuesday at the RCL Br. 374 Lounge. 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

Pool every Wednesday at the RCL Br. 374 Lounge. 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Meals on Wheels Offered through the Dr. HS Trefry Centre Call 705 246 0036 for more information.

The Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Jocelyn - 580 M&N Line - welcomes you to worship with us on Sundays at 11:00 AM. For information, please call Rev. Dawn Henderson at 1-705-783-1983.

SERVICES

Tax Preparation Services Starting at \$70 for a basic return. Closed July and August.
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No calls on Sunday please.

THANK YOU

It's hard to put into words just how grateful we are for the incredible outpouring of love and support we have received.

So from the bottom of our hearts - thank you.

Thank you to every single person who showed up, who donated, who shared kind words, who held us up during a time we truly needed it.

So much of what made this benefit so special happened behind the scenes. The planning, the organizing, the countless hours spent coordinating details, gathering donations, preparing food, setting up and making sure everything came together - it certainly did not go unnoticed.

To everyone who worked quietly in the background to make this event possible, please know how deeply appreciated you are.

To those who generously donated items, services and time/resources - your kindness made a real and meaningful impact. To everyone who attended, supported and stood by us you reminded us just how strong and compassionate this community is and how incredibly lucky we are.

From our family to all of you - thank you for your generosity, your effort and your heart. It means more than we can ever fully express.

Ben Webster and family

HELP WANTED

Island senior requesting help (May 01 start) with spring cleaning, yard work, painting, small construction projects for two full weekends; or after school Monday through Friday. Must be 16+, carry 66 lbs short distance, own safety boots/shoes, work gloves. Additional safety equipment, training provided. \$20/hr. 705-388-8865



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