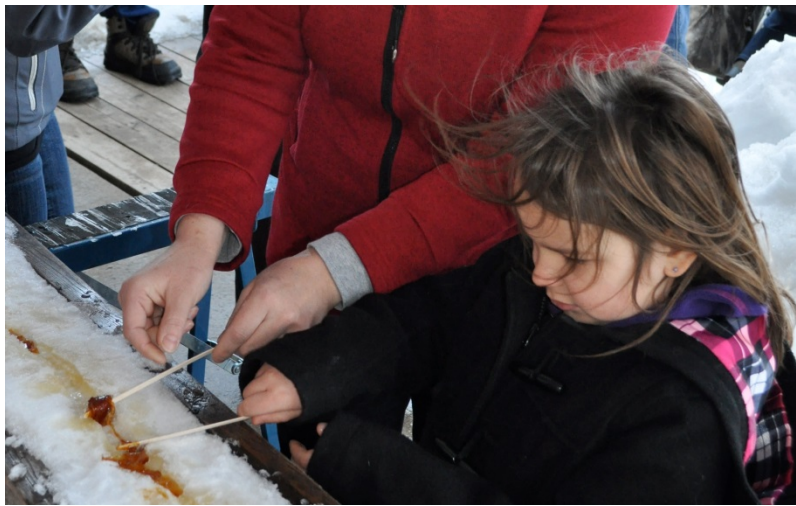


FARM MARKET REPORT

Easter Week at the Market

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The Farm Market's Maple Fest on Saturday, March 28 drew its biggest crowd yet. Laurie and Roy McLellan set up their long wooden tray, filled it with snow, and poured on the hot syrup to make the delicious maple taffy. Pam Burpee made "doughnut pancakes" for the kids and the weather cooperated nicely, for a change. The feeling of spring is in the air at last.

The Woodstock Farm and Craft Market will be closed on Good Friday, April 3, with the Market Day moving to Thursday. Hours on Thursday will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The Market Café will be open Thursday, but Val Flewelling's outside barbecue will not be in operation. The Market will be open again on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Val's barbecue will be back on April 3.

With the warm sunny days and below freezing nights of this past week, maple syrup production in the Saint John Valley region should be off to a good start. If this weather pattern holds, we should have a good season. New Brunswick ranks in the top group of maple syrup producing regions. Quebec is by far the largest producer, virtually in a category by itself with production close to eight million gallons. Vermont is next with almost one million gallons. Then New Brunswick, Maine, New York, and Ontario are all in the 300,000- to 400,000-gallon range.

A number of local producers have open house events at their sugar-houses during the season, which are nice outings for the whole family. Watch for their notices in the Bugle-Observer.

The Woodstock Farm Market Co-operative held its annual general meeting on Sunday, March 22. For the last number of years the meeting has been held at Sobeys Community Room, but now, with the recent renovations, the Market building on King Street can accommodate this annual event. The board and co-op members wish to thank Sobeys for their generous access to their Community Room in the past.

Board of Directors for the coming year are Laurie McLellan, president; Glen McLean, vice-president; Carolyn Van Dine, treasurer; Ellen Helmuth, secretary; George Maguire, Valarie Flewelling, Pam Burpee, Julie Clendenning, and Keith Helmuth. Jane Farrell and Jenifer Morgan retired from the board and we thank them both for their good service.

Keith Helmuth One of the founders and a longtime member of the Woodstock Farm Market