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Local Event

Springwater Maple Syrup Festival - As Canadian As Maple Syrup



It is fitting that the phrase “As Canadian as Maple Syrup” be used to describe a trip to the sugar bush, a quintessentially Canadian activity that heralds the beginning of spring in our country. It is also appropriate that it is the stately maple, the very symbol of Canada, that gives us one of our country’s classic culinary delights.

Pure Maple Syrup is a natural sweetener that is 100% free of artificial flavours and additives. It can be used as a sugar substitute, as a glaze on meats or vegetables, in desserts, and of course, as a topping for a stack of fluffy pancakes.

Maple Syrup season runs approximately 20 days in length between the end of February and mid-March when weather conditions are ideal. Tree sap flows best when the nights still dip below freezing but the days are slightly warmer. Warmer days allow the tree sap to flow bringing with it sugars that have been stored in the roots of the tree. This is when Maple Syrup producers tap the tree trunk and collect its sap. If the weather is too cold the sap won't flow but if the weather is too warm, sap rises too quickly to the tree's buds causing it to take on a slightly bitter flavour.



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Once the sap has been collected, it is boiled causing water to evaporate and the sap's consistency to become sweeter and denser until it becomes Maple Syrup. Further boiling creates other Maple products such as Maple Butter, Maple Candy, and Maple Sugar.

The Springwater Maple Syrup Festival gives visitors the opportunity to learn about several different historical methods of producing Maple Syrup; to tour the old-fashioned Sugar Shanty; and, to taste sweet, delicious syrup samples. Visitors can also take a horse-drawn wagon ride through Springwater Forest, purchase Canadian Maple Syrup products, or dine at the pancake house, run by local service clubs.

The festival runs on Saturdays and Sundays from February 27 through to the end of March and daily during March Break. For more information about the Springwater Maple Syrup Festival visit the [Cattfish Creek Conservation Authority website](#).



Local Events

Family Day Fun in Elgin County

Family Day weekend is finally here and although it's February, there are activities of all sorts going on in the Elgin County area. From great food, to live theatre, art, and family fun, there is something for everyone to enjoy! Get out of the house and shake off those winter blues!

2016 World Tubing Championships and Winter Carnival

Feb. 12-13, 2016

McCaig Family International Tubing Park, Bush Line and Sunset Drive

www.theworlds.ca

Watch teams of four compete in timed down hill runs to see who emerges as the World Tubing Champions for 2016! Enjoy fun family activities at a free on-site winter carnival. All proceeds go to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital Foundation.

The Pineapple Room Winter Series: Happy Valentine's

Feb. 13 & 14, 2016

Telegraph House, Port Stanley

www.telegraphhouse.com

Three course fixed-price dinner with wine. Soup or salad, main, and dessert.

Valentine's Day and Family Day at Pinecroft

Feb. 14 & 15, 2016

Pinecroft, Aylmer

www.pinecroft.ca

On February 14, enjoy homemade country fare from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring a Valentine entree special, desserts, and sweetheart beverages. On February 15, enjoy a holiday breakfast from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. and a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



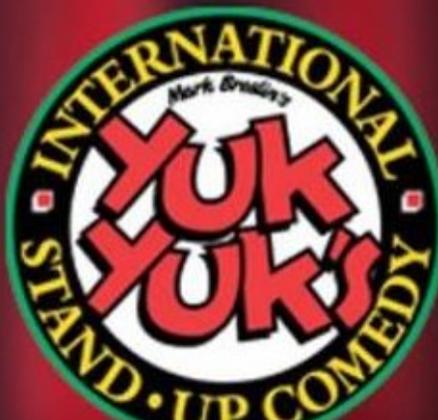


**Yuk Yuk's Comedy Show
and Valentine's Dance**
Saturday Feb 13th 8pm
Malahide Community Place
Springfield
Tickets \$25.00

info@springfieldbrewers.com for
More info

Fundraiser for the
Springfield Brewers
Softball Association

www.springfieldbrewers.com



Annual Family Day Open House at STEPAC

Feb. 15, 2016

St. Thomas – Elgin Public Art Centre, St.
Thomas

www.stepac.ca

Free drop in art activities, games, and more
for children in JK to grade 6. Must be
accompanied by a parent.

Dutton Family Fun Day

Feb. 15, 2016

1 Scotland St., Dutton

519-762-2204

Family skate, hot dogs, and hot chocolate.



VALENTINES FISH FRY AND DANCE
 Featuring Lake Erie Perch
Sat. February 13
 Dutton Dunwich Community Centre
Tickets \$ 25
 Advance Sales Only
 Doors Open 5 pm • Dinner 7 pm
 Dancing 8 pm until your heart desires
 Music by Mr. Bill the DJ
 Cash Bar • Door Prize
 50/50 Draw
 Proceeds to Community Projects
 Contact any Lion Member for tickets
 or call (519) 762-0928




SPARTA VILLAGE
FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
MONDAY 15TH FEB 12—3pm
LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES AT PARTICIPATING STORES



FREE EVENTS
FREE FAMILY FUN
FREE GAMES

- Quiz's
- Colouring
- Free draws
- Crafts
- Scavenger Hunt
- And more
- Certificate of participation

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SPARTA HOUSE TEAROOM VALENTINE CELEBRATION

FEB 13th and 14th
3 COURSE LUNCH or DINNER
Complimentary Glass Champagne
(non alcoholic)

\$25^{+tax}



CALL FOR RESERVATIONS 519 775 2313

Family Day FREE SKATES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 West Elgin Arena - 3-5pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 East Elgin Community Complex - 3:15-5:15 pm
 Timken Centre - 11:15am-3:15pm
 In partnership with:



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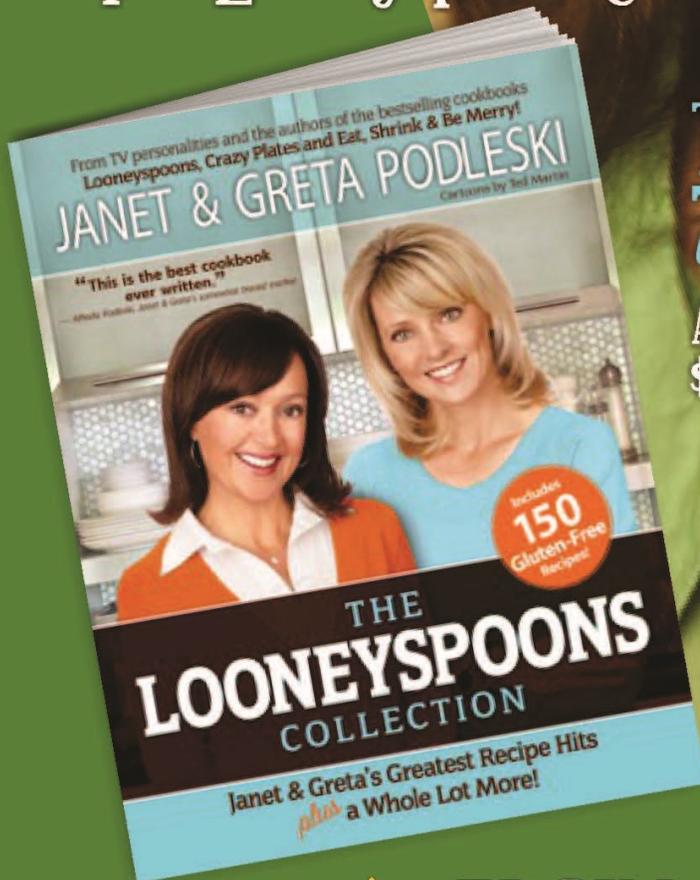


www.activeelgin.ca

Everyone is invited to join us for this special event
in celebration of International Women's Day

Janet Podleski

Author of
The Looneyspoons Collection



Thursday, March 10, 2016
7:00 - 9:30pm

At the St. Anne's Centre, St. Thomas
\$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

**From Cellar to Bestseller:
The Looneyspoons Recipe for Success**
Join #1 national best-selling author, entrepreneur and popular Food Network TV host, Janet Podleski, for a heaping serving of inspiration, motivation and belly laughs. Janet's captivating, heartfelt and often hilarious against-all-odds success story illustrates the awesome power of passion, perseverance, following your gut instinct and believing that ANYTHING is possible—even when everyone around you thinks you're nuts! Just sit right back and you'll hear A Tale of Two Sisters...AND a Dragon!

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<http://cellartobestseller.eventbrite.ca>

