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Saturday and Sunday in the high school cafeteria. There will be Artisans traveling from near and far to show off their extravagant creations. Stop by the civic center and the high school gymnasium to take a look at the variety of artwork and goodies. Watch live chainsaw carvings on the Village Green, enjoy hot and cold food, drinks, and maple products – delicious maple cotton candy and milkshakes too! Stop by the Sugar Shack for your free sample of maple syrup. The Maple Festival offers a wide variety of traditional and unique maple products all made from Marathon, NY Maple Farms, so stop by the Maple Museum or the Mobile Maple Shack on the green to purchase some delicious, one-of-a-kind treats! Take the bus over to the American Legion to visit more crafters and food and try your luck on the cake wheel. As you walk around Marathon, watch for this year's Maple Queen and her court, and come see the amazing events that are only shown at the CNY Maple Festival. There is a wide variety of entertainers in the auditorium and throughout the town of Marathon for people of all ages to enjoy.

For more information and updates, visit CNY Maple Festival on Facebook, or their website at [maplefestival.org](http://maplefestival.org).

## Saturday, April 5th & Sunday, April 6th

- All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Meal (Prices subject to change) 7am – 12pm (Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$8, Seniors \$8, Children 1-5 Free)
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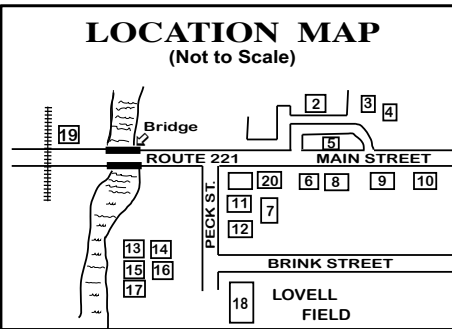
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LOCATION MAP  
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MAP KEY

1 - American Legion  
2 - High School  
3 - Presbyterian Church  
4 - Baptist Church  
5 - Village Green  
6 - INFO BOOTH  
7 - Old Town Hall  
8 - Methodist Church  
9 - Peck Library  
10 - Masonic Lodge

11 - Fire Station  
12 - Morton Building  
13 - Old School House  
14 - Sugar Shack  
15 - Trapper's Cabin  
16 - Maple Museum  
17 - 1861 Building  
18 - Civic Building  
19 - Train Station  
20 - Old Drug Store

Saturday, April 5th Only

Pancake eating contest at 9am in the High School Auditorium

Parking is available on Mill street, the Elementary School, and Ron’s Body & Paint Parking lot. There are buses that come to each of these locations for pick up and drop off on both days. All parking is Cash Donation!

WHO IS EATING PANCAKES?

Pancakes and maple syrup are on the menu in Marathon, NY April 5 & 6 when the rites of spring are observed and celebrated. It is “maple” time in Central New York! The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual CNY Maple Festival has become a family tradition for folks near and far.

One of the popular events takes place on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the High School Auditorium. The Annual Pancake Eating Contest, (now in the 27<sup>th</sup> year) will kick off the weekend events. Pancake eaters unbuckle their belt and belly up to the table, eating pancakes for a not-for-profit organization they support. So who are the pancake eaters this year?

Returning champion, **Dan Cross** will once again take to the stage for the **Marathon Central School Trap Shooters**; radio personality, **Glenn Pitcher** of WHWK Radio Station will be eating for **The Bridge Community Center**; **Connie Coppola**, a young lady who is a member of “Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.)” is eating for the **Stratton VA Medical Center Fisher House**; **Camdyn Kashuba** will please his MCS Classmates when he eats for **The Class of 2026**; **Sam Carlton**’s not for profit is the **Seven Valley Health Coalition**; **Patrick Rand** (also a former pancake

are soliciting pancake pledges now. The pancake eaters in 2024 raised over \$8,000 total for their special organizations.

It is a fun time, the audience cheers, supporters bring signs to encourage and when the 15 minute contest if over, everyone is a winner!

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eating champion) will be supporting the **Homer Boys Varsity Wrestling Club**; **Dave Mahoney** is supporting **The Marathon Lions Club**; and **Myron Swartz** will be eating pancakes for **Southern Tier Lyme Support Group**.

Pancake eaters and the not-for-profits they represent

WELL, THAT’S PETTY BURLY

*The1812Shoppe.com*  
By Craig Vollmer


**E**VER HEARD THE WORD “BURL” before? It’s a term used in the timber/lumber business and the name given to an unusual wart-like growth on a tree trunk, like the one on the chunk of wood pictured. This forms when an injury occurs or a viral, fungal, or bacterial infection takes place that seizes control of a tree’s metabolism disrupting hormone production in that location.

They don’t form right away and can take several decades to reach even a small size like the one pictured, longer yet to be truly impressive. I saw one in the woods once on a very large birch tree that was over six feet in diameter – it was huge. I wish I had a picture of it, but that was before everyone carried a camera in their pocket.

This growth doesn’t cause any harm to the tree, but the normal straight grain growth that we are familiar with, becomes demented looking something more like a bowl of spaghetti; the grain twisting and turning in all kinds of directions, sometimes peppered with tiny knots from branches that grew from dormant buds that sprout in response to the stress, but didn’t survive.

While the warts we get as humans are ugly and undesirable, these burl growths on trees produce incredible beauty in their wood. The top of this table I built is made with wood sawn from a maple burl and is just stunning. It is truly special; one might even say that it’s pretty burly...or maybe it’s just a pretty burl.

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