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Maple syrup tour offers sweet taste of tradition



The store at Milroy Farms was bustling while visitors toured the camp March 8 during the Somerset County Maple Producers' annual Taste & Tour. MADOLIN EDWARDS/DAILY AMERICAN

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SALISBURY — Have you ever tapped a tree or seen how maple syrup is made?

Area sugar camps opened their camps over the March 7-8 weekend for the annual Maple Taste & Tour. Visitors from all over were able to tour many of the 26 sites to not only learn how to tap a tree, but also how maple syrup is made. They could taste some of the sweet products made with 100% pure maple syrup.

New on the tour this year is Split Acres Maple in Grantsville, Maryland. Owner Shaun Broadwater said he's been making maple syrup for 33 years. He said he had more than 300 visitors the first day of the tour, and by lunchtime March 8 was already up to 79 visitors.

His camp is a family-run business that averages 23,000 taps per season. "I want to see if we can put in 27,000 taps next year," he said.

A very knowledgeable Savana Broadwater could easily be talked into explaining the boiling off process for visitors to the camp.

Milroy Farms in Salisbury was also bustling March 8 as it talked visitors through the boiling off and finishing process of making maple syrup and the many maple products. Milroy has 17,000 taps. The camp also featured wagon rides through the maple trees on Sunday. Maple Valley Barbecue Co. was offering a breakfast and lunch menu made with Milroy Farms maple products.

If you missed the tour this weekend, it will be held again next weekend, March 14-15. The participating sites are listed at <http://somersectountymaple.org/>.

Oil prices soar as Iran names leader

Pentagon identifies 7th service member killed

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As the U.S.-Israel war with Iran entered its 10th day on March 9, oil prices soared over fears of a prolonged conflict, President Donald Trump demanded "unconditional surrender" and the Pentagon made public the name of the seventh U.S. service member to die in the conflict.

Oil prices jumped above \$110 a barrel, reaching its highest prices since 2022 as fears grow over prolonged shipping disruptions due to war throughout the Middle East.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, jumped to \$119.50 a barrel before retreating to around \$103. Trump called that "a small price to pay."

"Short term oil prices, which will drop rapidly when the destruction of the Iran nuclear threat is over, is a very small price to pay for U.S.A., and World, Safety and Peace," Trump said in a social media post, adding, "ONLY FOOLS WOULD THINK DIFFERENTLY!"

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People gather to support Mojtaba Khamenei, Iran's new supreme leader, in Tehran, Iran, on March 9.

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PA push to hire former federal workers brings scores into state jobs

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More than 800 former federal workers have found new professional homes in Pennsylvania government over the past year, when President Donald Trump's administration has been slashing agencies and ending programs.

In response to the federal cuts, Gov. Josh Shapiro in March 2025 signed an executive order directing state agencies to recruit some of the displaced workers. The order also instructed state officials to treat federal and state experience as equivalent, smoothing the hiring process for the employees who'd lost their jobs, according to a statement.

One year later, federal workers now fill commonwealth positions in law enforcement, public safety, human services and health care.

"Federal employees bring world-class training and a deep commitment to public service," Pennsylvania Secretary of Administration Neil Weaver said in a prepared statement. "By tapping

into their expertise, we've strengthened our workforce and improved the delivery of programs and services that Pennsylvanians depend on every day."

The statement indicated state leaders used artificial intelligence to match federal workers to state openings and

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