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Three guys, three winter adventures in one day. What's the worst that could happen?

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# Small Bites

Food news and events from around the state by Susan Laughlin



## Cocktails and Mocktails

The New Hampshire Liquor Commission recently held a mixed drink contest, based on ease and tastiness, for both professionals and home enthusiasts. Out of about 50 submissions, they chose three contestants in two categories to make their drinks for the tasting panel of judges, which included Mark Roy, NHSLC spirits marketing specialist, and Tim Laird of Brown-Forman. The winners won a trip for two to visit the Jack Daniel Distillery in Lynchburg, Tennessee. The professional mixologist winner this year was Megan Price, a bartender at Lago in Meredith.

### Tennessee Twist (on an Old Fashioned)

By Megan Price, Lago

- 1 slice of blood orange
- 1 Luxardo cherry with a bit of the Maraschino cherry juice/liquor
- 3 dashes of spiced cherry bitters by Woodford
- 1.5 ounces of homemade blood orange simple syrup (half 100 percent blood orange purée, which you can find in select stores or on Amazon, and half simple syrup)
- 2 ounces Jack Daniel's single barrel rye

Muddle blood orange and cherry with bitters and simple syrup. Fill glass with ice and pour whiskey. Shake and top with a splash of soda water. Garnish with a cherry and orange slice.

Visit [nhmagazine.com/food](http://nhmagazine.com/food) for a mocktail version of the Tennessee Twist.

## DIY Maple Syrup

Have maple trees on your property? Want to make pure maple syrup for your breakfast table? Until now, the process has been confined to sugar shacks, but that's changing. Vermont Evaporator Company, a new family-run business, is offering The Sapling (\$895), a 55-gallon wood-fired drum design. It also doubles as a wood-fired grill, and you can use the converter package to turn it into a smoker or pizza oven. Another option is The Seedling (\$295), a stand-alone evaporator pan, to use with any standard propane grill. The process does create a lot of steam and needs to be done outside. Can March come soon enough? [vtevap.com](http://vtevap.com)



## Spectacular Week

The week of January 22 is the annual NH Wine Week, which includes the Winter Wine Spectacular to benefit Easterseals NH (January 25). Events include the chance to meet wine personalities, bottle signings, tastings and very special wine dinners presided over by the winemakers themselves. Take a look and make [wineweek.com](http://wineweek.com).