



A PAIR OF GIANTS: Some weeks ago, we published a picture of what was believed to be the largest sugar maple tree in Connecticut, located on the property of Dr. Gordon Wheeler, King's Highway, Chester. That belief has now been confirmed by Richard Harris, State Forester. And in the process, Forester Harris discovered that the same property also boasts the largest butternut

tree in the state. Harris is shown here, measuring the butternut tree, while young Betsy Wheeler looks on. The butternut tree has a circumference of 17 feet, stands 80 feet high and is believed to be 195 years old. The sugar maple in the earlier picture was officially measured at 15 feet circumference, 87 feet high, with its age estimated at 250 years. (New Era Photo by Jack Brogan)

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LARGEST IN CONNECTICUT? Chester Cub Scouts measure what they believe to be the oldest and largest sugar maple tree in the state. It took five of the Cubs and their den chief to stretch their joined arms around

the huge maple's 15' 7" trunk. Pictured at the tree are David Brogan, Mike Muldoon, Mickey Wheeler, Steve Koslawy and Ed Leff-inzwell. Not shown behind the tree is David Lieberman, den chief.

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