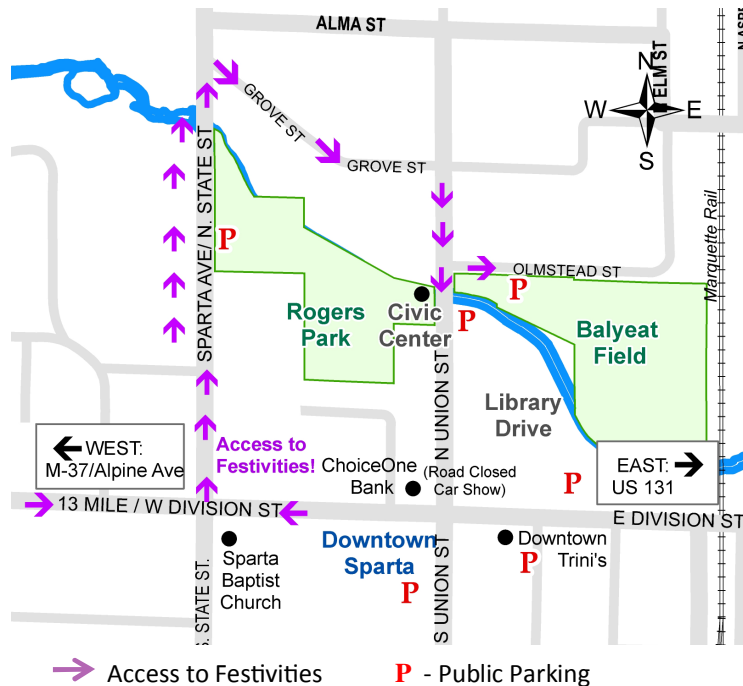


SATURDAY, SEPT. 25TH

ENTERTAINMENT & FAMILY ACTIVITIES!

- 9- 3 pm **Smokin' BBQ Contest** – Balyeat Field
Watch the professionals smoke brisket, pork butt, ribs, & poultry in the day long BBQ competition! Food will be available onsite for purchase!
- 9- 2:30 pm **Harvest Pantry Car Show** – North Union St
Check out all types of cars during the car show with prizes & dash plaques for registered cars! The Car Show & Sparta Rotary will collect non-perishable foods for local food pantries!
- 10- 7 pm **Harvest Bouncers** - Library Drive
Inflatable Play Ground: Bounce, Slide, & Crawl thru a Maze!
Unlimited Day Bounce Pass \$8.00
- 11-2 pm **Appreview Schoolyard Habitat Games** – Library Drive
Bean bag Toss & Painting Flower Pots!
- 11-2 pm Kent ISD Bright Beginnings Free Apple Art – Library Drive
Explore the process of art as children create an abstract apple painting using surprisingly simple tools from around the house
- 11- 3 pm **Kids Activity with Ballard Church of Christ** – Library Drive
Ballard Church of Christ (Cost: 1 Can Food Donation)
- 11- 3 pm **Sparta 4-H Petting Zoo** - Library Drive
- 11- 3 pm **Best Michigan Apple Dessert Contest** – Balyeat Field
Hosted by Ottawa Kent Insurance. Registration online!
- 11- 4 pm **Largest Michigan Grown Apple Contest** – Balyeat Field
Growers: register your largest weighing apple at Steffens Orchard Market until 9/23/2010 at 3 pm. Winning apple on display at Ottawa Kent Insurance Booth in Balyeat Field.
- 11- 4 pm **Nazarene Church Apple Pie Sale** – Balyeat Field
- 11-7 pm **Harvest on the Ridge Recipe Book Sale** - Balyeat Field \$15 ea.
- Noon **1st Annual Cornhole Classic** - Balyeat Field
Registration applications online spartachamber.com
- Noon- 2 pm **Onstage: Lazy Blue Tunas** – Balyeat Field
Sponsored by B & B Mechanical
- Noon- 4 pm **Kids Games** - Library Drive
Pumpkin Bowling, Harvest Cake Walk, Pumpkin Decoration Painting, Airbrush Tattoos & more! Affordable family games!
- 1 pm **Antique Tractor Parade** - Gildas Club Grand Rapids Fundraiser
Check it out through downtown Sparta enroute to the Bow Tie
- 2:30 pm **Scarecrow, Dessert, & BBQ Awards** - Balyeat Field
- 3:30 -5:30 pm **Onstage: Paul Sherwood & the Rhythm Section Jazz Band**
in the Michigan Beer & Wine Tasting Tent! Jazz & Swing Music!



SATURDAY, SEPT. 25TH

LOCAL TASTES!

- 8-Noon **Harvest Pancake Breakfast** - Sparta Civic Center
\$4.00 each- 3 pancakes, sausage, & eggs! 12 & younger free! Visit the Sparta Fire Trucks on Display! Parking across from Civic Center accessible via Grove/ N. Union
- 9-1 pm **Downtown Sparta Farmers Market**- Balyeat Field
- 9-3 pm **Fresh Cider fresh from Hills Brothers & Donuts by Tom's Hometown Bakery** – Balyeat Field
- 10-7 pm **BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, BBQ ribs & more by the BBQers!**
- 11-7 pm **Big Joes Pizza by the Slice!** - Balyeat Field
- 11-7 pm **Downtown Trini's Mexican Fajitas!** - Balyeat Field
- 11-7 pm **Create a Gourmet Carmel Apple** - Balyeat Field
Hosted by Tasty Treat!
- Noon-7 pm **Michigan Beer, Wine, & Hard Cider Tasting Event**
in Balyeat Field (Must show valid ID) •No Cover Charge!
1 oz. Wine & 2 oz. Beer Samples \$1.00
- Michigan Wineries:** St. Julian, Lemon Creek, Leelanau Cellars, Chateau of Grand Traverse, Cascade, & VanderMill Winery.
- Michigan Breweries:** Michigan Beer Cellar, Bells, New Holland, Saugatuck Brewery, Founders, & Arbor Brewing
Featuring Sharkwater!
- Onsite Wine & Beer Education Seminars!** Meet with local breweries & wineries owners & staff including Michigan Beer Cellar of Sparta, Cascade Winery, VanderMill Winery, Great Lakes Winery, & Schmozh!

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 25TH

ARTS & CRAFTS

- 9- 4 pm **Art in Sparta Show N' Sale** - Rogers Park
Hosted by Regional Arts Guild of Sparta!
Paint in the Park activity, artistic face painting, & chalk walk! Arts & craft show with vendors selling handmade art! Booth applications
- 11- 1 pm **Free Memorial Daffodil Planting**—Rogers Park

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24TH

HARVEST KICK-OFF!



- 9 am **Smokin' BBQ Contest Begins!** – Balyeat Field
- 6 pm **Scarecrow Contest Display!** -Downtown Sparta!
Register by 9/23. Prizes! Entry form at spartachamber.com.
- 6-11 pm **Big Joes Pizza by the Slice!** – Balyeat Field
- 6-11 pm **BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, BBQ ribs & more!**
- 6- 9 pm **Harvest Bouncers** - Library Drive
Inflatable Play Ground: Bounce, Slide, & Crawl thru a Maze!
Unlimited Day Bounce Pass \$8.00
- 7 pm **Ronald McDonald Show** - Library Drive
- 7:30-10:30 pm **Onstage: Gunnar & the Grizzly Boys!** – Balyeat Field
Sponsored by ChoiceOne Bank!
- 6- 11 pm **Michigan Beer, Wine, & Hard Cider Tasting Event** – Balyeat Field
(Must show valid ID) •No Cover Charge!
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- 9 pm **Community Bon Fire!** Hosted by Sparta Fire Dept. -Balyeat Field



SATURDAY, SEPT. 25TH

EXPERIENCE "THE RIDGE"!



10 am Bradford Dairy Farm Tour – free!

1785 O'Connor St., Sparta -North of Sparta on the corner of Sparta Ave/State St & O'Conner

Visit a modern dairy farm! Take a tour through the working dairy farm to learn more about milking, feeding, and caring for hundreds of cows!. Be sure to wear your tennis shoes or boots!

10:30 am Riveridge Packing Shed Tour – free!

7777 Venture Ave Nw, Sparta – South of Sparta on M-37 & 9 Mile
See the new technology of Apple Packaging with a packing line that completely manages the quality of each apple as it cleans, sanitizes, weighs, checks the apple for color, defects, and even individual sweetness levels! The expanded facility ships all over the world. 1/2 hr tour through the packing shed.

11:30 am Klein's Cider Mill Tour – free!

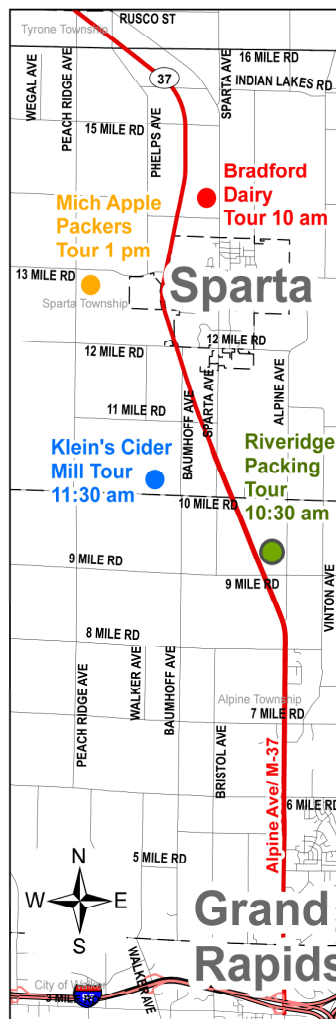
2151 10 Mile Rd, Sparta, MI—Just West of M-37 on 10 Mile Rd
Family owned and operated farm with a view to see for miles overlooking the Ridge! Come watch us make cider the old fashioned way and take a tour through a functioning Cider Mill. Farm Market will be open from 9 am to 7 pm with the tour starting at 11:30 am.

1 pm Mich. Apple Packers Packing Shed Tour – free!

10740 Peach Ridge Ave NW, Sparta – 2 Miles West of Sparta on the corner of 13 Mile & Peach Ridge Ave.

Experience the process of how apples are brought in from the orchards to the packing shed to be washed, weighed and processed into packages for shipment to local stores.

Check out the entire list of Farm Markets along The Ridge at www.fruitridgemarket.com!



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The Harvest on the Ridge Apple Festival is a festival hosted by the Sparta Chamber of Commerce to promote the benefits of choosing locally grown fruits and vegetables! Sparta is a gateway to the "Ridge", prime growing farmland with conditions perfect for growing fruits and vegetables. The Festival's mission is to educate people on the impact your dollar makes when spent at a local business and supporting Michigan Agriculture, the second largest industry in Michigan. Consider who is earning your dollar the next time you buy a fresh product in the grocery store– Buy Michigan and make a difference. We invite you to the Sparta area, to experience the many local farm markets and drink in the sight of thousands of acres of orchards and fields ripe for the harvest. Explore the sights and sounds of the downtown festival with local eats from Sparta restaurants, kids games, and family entertainment. Make a day celebrating the Harvest time on "The Ridge".



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