



Harvest Fun in Downtown Sparta

**Saturday,
Sept. 17, 2011**

www.spartachamber.com

KIDS Harvest Acres

Stop down to the Kids Harvest Crop to participate in all the free & low cost games & entertainment for kids! Fresh Sparta Grown Apples for prizes for everyone!

- 11:30 am **Appleview Habitat Games**
Cornhole Toss: Who can get a bean bag through the hole?
- 12:00 pm **Purplesfull Puppets Variety Show**
Come and enjoy an interactive & engaging puppet show live in Rogers Park with Mary & June.
- 12:30 pm **Partner Wheelbarrow Races & 50 Yard Dash**
- 1:00 pm **Cup Cake Walk & Pumpkin Painting**
Apple Bushel Loading contest
- 2:00 pm **Purplesfull Puppets Variety Show**
Don't Spill the Eggs!

Family Harvest Activities

Myers School Museum Open House 11- 5 pm
Featuring the Klein Rodeo! www.spartahistory.org
By the Sparta Township Historic Commission

Barn Cats Mini Barn Tour in Roger's Park

Michigan Apple Queen Representative
onsite for photos and awarding prizes!

Young Johnny Appleseed & Miss Apple Blossom awarding prizes!

Humane Society of West Michigan
Meet some lovable pets! 11 am -1 pm
Meet recently adopted animals.
Adoptions will be made at the Humane Society Headquarters.
Blanket & donations accepted.

9 am Sparta's Harvest 5K Fun Run

A 5K fun run through the streets & 100 acres of nature trail! Registration starts at 8 am at Sparta Civic Center (75 N. Union St., Sparta). Cost: \$10. Participants receive a T-shirt. Cross country timing. Mail-in Registration form on-line at spartachamber.com or at The Club Fitness & Tanning. Details call (616) 887-2454.

10 am Downtown Sidewalk & Indoor Sales Through Sparta

10 am Harvest Art & Craft Show

Arts & Craft booths in Rogers Park. Spaces available, registration form online.

10 am Tom's Hometown Bakery Fresh Donuts & Coffee, Sparta United Methodist Church Bake Sale, Specialty Carmel Apples by Tasty Treat, & Hills Brothers Cider Tasting!

10:30 am The J. Couch Race

Wanted: Old Runners & Fast Couches. This event will delight spectators with fast, funny, & uniquely created couches- all on wheels- as their five person teams race downtown Sparta on N. Union St. Register at 10 am.

11 am Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips, & Juice

Hosted by Sparta Lions in the Civic Center; \$4.00 Combo

11 am Hartwood Art—Chainsaw Carving Demonstration

Noon Downtown Trini's & Margarita Joe's Fresh Fajitas!

1 pm Antique Tractor Show

Sponsored by Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home. Registration form online or register onsite at 11 am.

1 pm Photo Contest by Sparta Photo Club

Enter your best original photo for contest display to win prizes and learn more about the Sparta Photo Club. Registration form online.

1 pm Harvest Beer Tent Opens featuring Michigan Beers & Wines. Special assortment from the Michigan Beer Cellar: Octoberfest, Top Secret American IPA, & Great American Cream Ale.

3 pm "Just Cuz" Square Dancing Lessons

Bring your best moves and learn how to Square Dance in Roger's Park!

4 pm Apple Dessert Bake off

Hosted by Ottawa Kent Insurance. Drop off desserts at 3 pm for judging. Free entry. Awards announced after 6 pm.

4 pm Big Joe's Pizza by the Slice

5 pm The Eschelon's (50's/60's) on Roger's Park Stage

6 pm Apple Tasting Challenge

Do you *really* know your apples by sight and taste?

6 pm William Tell Archery Contest

Test your skills in the Bow & Arrow Contest. Registration forms online.

7 pm "Group Therapy" on Roger's Park Stage

Playing Classic Favorites to Current Hits! Sponsored by ChoiceOne Bank.

7 pm Apple Pie Slice Eating Contest

Enter to win the Apple Pie Slice Eating Contest. Rules: eat the entire slice of pie including all filling the fastest without any use of hands. Prizes!

All downtown activities will take place in Sparta, Michigan near Roger's Park (75 N. Union, Sparta)

Thank you from the Event Coordinators Dana Quick, Edward Jones & Mary Johnson, ChoiceOne Bank to all the volunteers who make the event possible by donating their time! This festival wouldn't be possible without each and every one of you!

Experience "The Ridge"

Riveridge Packing Shed 10:30 am

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. Free half hour tour through the packing shed. www.riveridgeproduce.com

Schwallier's Country Basket 11:30 am & 2 pm

1185 9 Mile Rd. NW Sparta, MI 49345
Tour a family owned business dating back to 1989 and can be found in the heart of the apple capital, "Peach Ridge" of Sparta, Michigan. Fall activities include pick your own Apples, slide, cow train rides, wagon ride, shelled corn play area and more. www.schwalliers.com

Ed Dunneback & Girls Farm Market 8-5 pm

3025 6 Mile Road, Grand Rapids, MI
Experience picking your own apples at the U Pick Gala's, Honey Crisp & more at this family farm since 1925! Check out the interactive "Trivia" 5 acre Corn maze featuring questions about sports, entertainment, history & more! Test your trivia knowledge to make the correct turn in the maze! \$6.00 for adults & 12 & under \$5.00; Family Four Pass for \$20.00. www.dunnebackfarm.com

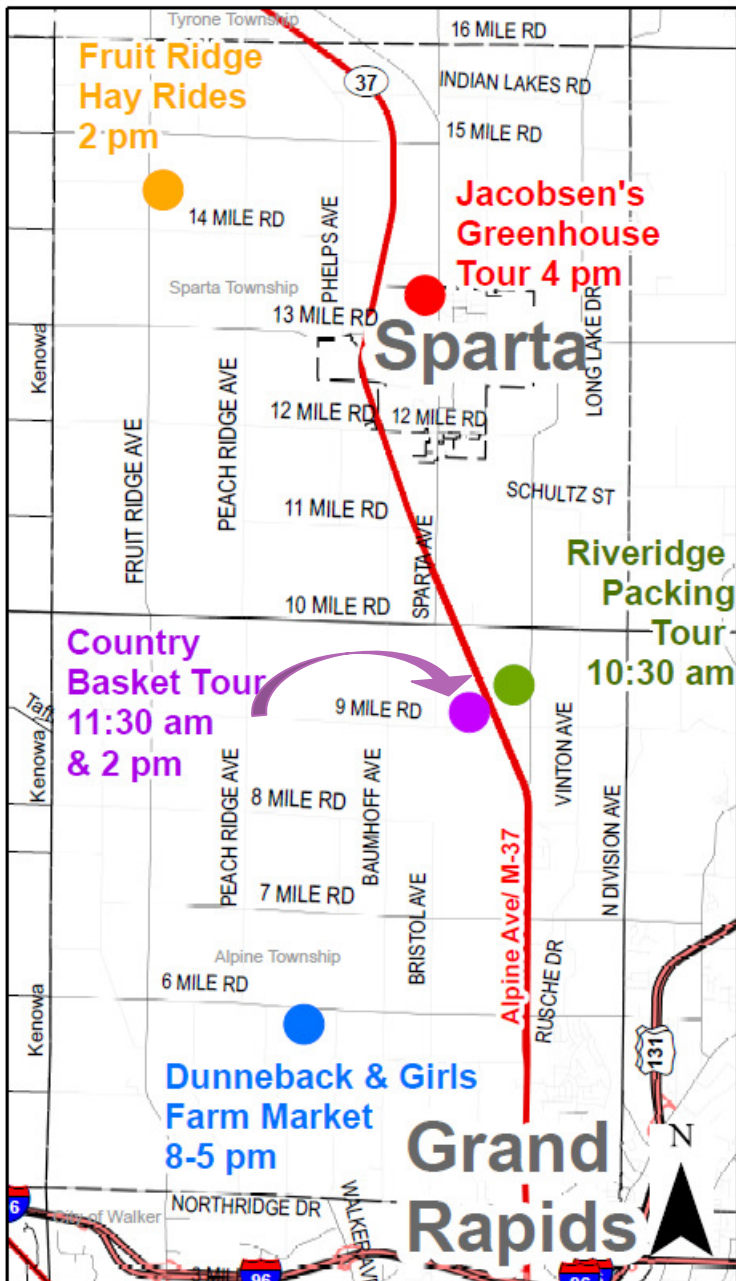
Jacobsen's Greenhouse 4 pm

271 North State Street, Sparta, MI 49345
Tour the 8,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse and learn about the roof vent system & landscaping tips to prepare your gardens for the winter. See the mums in production for Fall and learn pruning tips on mums in your yard. Hundreds of poinsettia's will be on display in a just "pinched" stage, see what they look like prior to display in a store. Question and answers after the free tour. www.jacobsensfloral.com

Fruit Ridge Hay Rides 12 - 9 pm

Open from 12-9 pm for family fun down on the farm. Featured activities include horse drawn hayrides through the woods and orchard, pony rides, donuts, cider and our 'Down on the Farm' corn maze adventure, with 3 interactive games and a maze look-out bridge...fun for all ages. www.fruitridgehayrides.com

Ridge Tour Map



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