



TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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Apple Day is Old-fashioned Fun

Autumn is the sweetest season here at Terhune Orchards, with its harvest of more than 30 varieties of apples starting with two days of Apple Day fun.

The 33rd festival to celebrate the Mount Family's fabulous fruit will be held Sept. 19 and 20 at the farm from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 (children 3 and younger are admitted free) for a day that provides easy family fun that's close to home and a reminder of the way things used to be.

Horse-drawn and tractor-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, face and pumpkin painting and a chance to make your own scarecrow – we provide the straw and old clothes – are fun activities geared toward children as well as adults. Choosing a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch is a way to bring autumn home to your own front porch, and venturing into the orchard to pick your own apples is an easy trip back to our grandparents' time.

Terhune's Corn Stalk Maze is a fun challenge for every age while pony rides are

geared toward the younger set.

An important part of Apple Day is our Adventure Barn which this year will feature our home state of New Jersey. Learn fascinating facts about the Garden State and its exciting history.

The down-home music of the Daisy Jug Band has been setting feet tapping for the past 32 Apple Days and they will be back to do it again.

Country music helps build up an appetite for Pam's outdoor down-home food tent where where you will find sandwiches filled with pork freshly roasted in the outdoor roasting pit



as well as barbecued chicken, hot dogs, salads and soups. The Everything Apple menu will include fresh apple pies, muffins, applesauce, apple bread, fresh-squeezed cider and cider doughnuts. Now famous, made as you watch, candy apples are irresistible.

September is also the start of pumpkin season, so start autumn off right with your

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Fall Family News

It all is all about family fun at Terhune Orchards. From the first years Pam and Gary owned the farm (starting in 1975), family relatives from far and wide would come and help with Apple Day and the fall farm work.



Tannwen, Pam and Gary in front of the new barn.

Lots of work and lots of fun continues until today with festivals from September to November.

Tannwen, of course, is working full time at the farm and now baby Becket 1 1/2 years old is walking everywhere. Her husband Jim Washburn pitches in on weekends keeping the PYO on Van Kirk Road on track. He teaches history at Montgomery High School. Our oldest daughter Reuwei and husband Mike teach at Lawrenceville School. She chairs the science department and he teaches history. With their wonderful daughters Maya, now 5 years old and on to kindergarten, and Tess and Sasha 2 1/2-year old twins, keep the fall festivities real for all of us. Mike has taken a particular interest in winemaking. This fall will be our first pressing to be ready sometime this winter.

Son Mark is back from a third tour of duty in Afghanistan and is now based at Fort Benning. He is newly married to Vicki from Vancouver Canada. He and Vicki have bought a house close to the post and are settling in.

By far the biggest family news is the building of the new barn. Dreamed about and planned for many years, it has finally happened with the help of Jerry Ford of Ford3 Architects and Sylvan Stoltzfus Builders of Lancaster, PA. After the barn-raising in May, the construction has made steady progress. One half of the barn will have cold storage rooms for our apple crop. All these years we have trucked apples to cold storage in South Jersey during the harvest season and then hauled them back throughout the year as needed. The other

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Pumpkins Add Color to Autumn

Pumpkins are one of the most fun crops to grow at Terhune Orchards. Gary plants 12 varieties so there is every imaginable size and shape pumpkin, from Gladiator, Aladdin



and Mystic Plus to Prankster and Cotton Candy. The pick-your-own patch, next to the mums and corn stalk maze is a magnet for all visitors during the fall. Pumpkins grow on vines so the field is full of interconnected plants. Our fall weekends celebrate the great pumpkin with all kinds of pumpkin goodies at the food tent and farm store from pumpkin seeds to pumpkin pies and muffins.

Children as well as adults like to search the pumpkin fields at Terhune Orchards to find the perfect pumpkin to take home and carve or paint as a jack-o-lantern. Pumpkin picking begins with Apple Day Sept. 19 and 20 and continues until Halloween.

Five Fall Weekends of Family Fun

Apple Day is just the beginning of autumn fun at Terhune Orchards. Fall is family time at the farm, and the Mount family celebrates the season with five Fall Family Fun Weekends. The crisp autumn days are filled with apples ripe for picking and pumpkins ready to be taken home and turned into jack-o-lanterns.

Our farm store, housed in our 90 year old apple barn, is full of the bounty of our fall harvest. Apples, of course, and fresh pressed cider, lots of fall vegetables, broc-



coli, lettuce, winter squash, and potatoes all grown and harvested right here on the farm.

Fall Family Fun, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends, Sept. 26 to Oct. 25, admission is free. Family fun days feature pony rides, wagon rides, the Corn Stalk Maze, pumpkin and apple picking. Visit our barnyard full of farm animals and take time to stop by our Garden State Adventure Barn filled with New Jersey fun facts designed to challenge your knowledge of the Garden State.

Stop in the old barn to see the photos entered in the third annual Terhune Orchards Photo Contest. After Oct. 2 see whose photo won the blue ribbon as the best to illustrate the theme, "What I love about Terhune Orchards."

Food choices are plentiful; cups of chili, soup, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, pork sandwiches and warm cider from the food tent will chase away the autumn chill. Enjoy apple and pumpkin pie, apple bread, candied apples and Terhune's popular cider donuts and cookies for dessert.

Music is an important part of any Terhune celebration and Fall Family Fun Weekends are no exception. Come out each week to hear a different band and head for the orchard to pick apples. Watch the leaves change color as the days and nights grow cooler.

Parking is available at the farm on Cold Soil Road and admission is free.

Fall Family Fun Weekends Band Schedule

- 9.19.09 Daisy Jug Band
www.daisyjugband.com
- 9.20.09 Daisy Jug Band
- 9.26.09 David LaFleur
- 9.27.09 Mountain View Bluegrass Band
www.mountainviewmusic.tk
- 10.03.09 Swingin' Dixie
- 10.04.09 Spring Street Band
- 10.10.09 tbd
- 10.11.09 Heavy Traffic Bluegrass Band
www.heavytrafficbluegrass.com
- 10.12.09 Ed Wilson
<http://www.myspace.com/iamedwilson>
- 10.17.09 Eco Del Sur
www.ecodelsur.com
- 10.18.09 Beth Coleman Band
www.thebethcolemanband.net
- 10.24.09 Mountain Heritage
www.mountainheritage.net
- 10.25.09 Borderline

Birthday Parties in the Barnyard

Terhune Orchards is a favorite family destination so it makes sense for children to have their birthday parties at the Farm. It is one of those events that memories are made of!

Tannwen Mount started hosting birthday parties here when she was ten years old. They were great then and now. First the children and families are here on the farm with all its magic and fun. Picnic



tables are reserved and a special tractor-drawn hayride through the orchards and farm fields thrills everyone, young and old. The pasture full of farm animals always crowd the fence for the corn the party goes feed to them, goats, sheep, geese, chickens, our horse and rabbits all love a party.

Each child takes home a Terhune Orchards coloring book after enjoying a "farm scene" decorated cake or cupcakes and cider. Face painting and pony rides are also available by special arrangement.

Call 609-924-2310 for a brochure, pricing or to schedule your Barnyard Birthday Party. Or see the farm website www.TerhuneOrchards.com and click on Farm Activities, then Birthday Parties for more information.

The Great Baking Apple Debate

Many cooks and chefs have debated what types of apples are best for apple pie or cobbler and some swear by their favorite varieties. But with the exception of Red Delicious, which has been cultivated as an eating apple, most varieties of apple can be baked into a dessert. Like applesauce, it comes down to personal preference for tart or sweet, or a combination of both.

Bakers adore the Terhune Orchards Stayman Winesap. It is crunchy and tart with strong apple flavor that holds up in baking and it makes firm slices that keep their shape when cooked. The Staymans that Gary grows here on the farm are outstanding and full of flavor.

Apples also are good in cakes, muffins, fruit bars, breads. Bake apple cakes, breads and coffeecakes ahead of time and freeze them for easy desserts or gifts for the holidays. For tried and true baking recipes see the website www.terhuneorchards.com and click on recipes.

Pies to Raise Funds

Holiday time is pie time, and there isn't always time to bake your own.

Earn money for your organization while satisfying everyone's love of pie



by selling our delicious pies as a Thanksgiving fund-raiser.

We bake the pies and you sell them at a profit. This is ideal for PTAs and other school groups.

Call the Farm Store for details at 609-924-2310.

The Return of the Alpacas

Alpaca breeders will come to the farm again on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with their tall, handsome animals to talk about raising and breeding this native of South America. Alpacas are known for their hypoallergenic hair, which is spun into yarn and used to make clothing. This event offers opportunities for everyone, information and hands-on contact for potential alpaca owners, spinners, knitters, and other fiber artists. Alpacas from multiple farms will be on hand for viewing, hands-on examination, and private treaty purchase. Herd sires from several farms will be on display for your consideration for stud service. Breeders will be present to answer questions. Learn practical information about alpaca nutrition and husbandry, barns and fences, fiber, breeding, showing, and the advantages of investment opportunities.

Demonstrations of spinning are planned, and alpaca toys, fibers and clothing will be for sale. So make a special trip to the farm to see these gentle, stately animals with their soft, warm coats.

We're Online!

- Want to know what's happening at Terhune Orchards? Check out our Web Page www.terhuneorchards.com or send us e-mail Info@terhuneorchards.com.

Main Course Appeal

Apples and cider pair well with meats, and not just the all-American favorite, pork, which goes so well with applesauce. Chicken Apple Curry is a combination of spicy and tangy, while Cider-Braised Chicken combines Terhune Orchards cider with tomatoes for a flavor that tastes like it came from a gourmet restaurant.

Don't forget apple as an ingredient for soups; now that butternut squash is in season, the two make an unforgettable pair in warding off winter's chills. And chopped apple is a terrific ingredient when making stuffing for your Thanksgiving turkey. Look for recipes for Apple Chicken Curry, Cider-Braised Chicken, Turkey Stuffing with Apples and Sautéed Pork Chops with Apples on the website www.terhuneorchards.com.

So now that apple season is here, head for the kitchen and the wonderful treats that can be made with America's favorite fruit.



Gourds for Autumn

You can't eat a gourd but they are an important part of autumn decorations, and at Terhune Orchards you can venture into the fields at Van Kirk Road Farm and choose your own or pick from a great selection of colorful gourds at the farm store.

Orange, green, yellow, striped, long, short, fat or round, they add color to any autumn table display, or make cheerful companions for pumpkins on the front porch.

Terhune Orchards' Van Kirk Farm is located just one mile from Terhune Orchards' Farm Store and has ample parking for cars. Visitors can pick daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the Farm Store at (609) 924-2310 to see what's ready to pick.

Cider and Apple Season Means Time to Start Baking and Cooking

There is nothing like biting into a fresh, crunchy, just picked Terhune Orchards apple on a cool autumn day. And there is no more fun that bringing your family to the farm to pick their own apples and take them home to enjoy.



After eating your fill of fresh apples and stashing some in the refrigerator for school and work lunches, it's time to look for other ways to enjoy this amazingly versatile fruit.

Cooks have been finding ways to prepare apples for centuries, beginning with the age-old practice of making your own applesauce.

Whether you make enough to last a week or cook up gallons to can or freeze, there is no comparison between the taste of applesauce available at the supermarket and what you can make at home.

The flavor of homemade applesauce depends on the variety of apples you use, and apples at Terhune Orchards are ideal for sauce. Just decide what kind of flavor you want to achieve – tart, tangy or sweet – and choose the apples that best match that taste. Or mix up several kinds of apples and see how it turns out. If you don't have time to pick your own apples, there are plenty to choose from at the Farm Store and our staff will assist you in choosing the perfect apples for your sauce.

Don't forget to add Terhune Orchards cider instead of water when cooking the applesauce; it adds a depth to the flavor that can't be matched.

What I Love About Terhune Orchards' Photo Contest

Ruby-cheeked apples, children collecting pumpkins and apple and peach trees laden with ripe fruit are among the many charming sights that inspire visitors to Terhune Orchards to take photographs at the farm.



Amateurs, students and professionals are invited to submit their photographs taken on the farm to the third annual Terhune Orchards Photo Contest.

The theme for the contest is "What I Love about Terhune Orchards," and the deadline for submission of entries is 5 p.m. Sept. 29. An opening reception and show will be held 5 p.m. Oct. 2, when the winners will be revealed. The photos remain on display until Nov. 1.

The photographer of the First Place photo will receive a \$100 Terhune Orchards gift certificate and honorable mention winners will receive \$50 gift certificates.

For complete rules and entry information visit www.terhuneorchards.com.



Autumn Themes for Read & Pick

Our very successful and popular Read & Pick Program continues into fall at Terhune Orchards, where our staff, Elaine, Tannwen, Kathy guide young children as they learn firsthand how farmers make things grow.

Read & Pick combines story time with a chance to learn about farm animals or flowers, or pick fruit or vegetables in the Terhune Orchards and fields.

Autumn-themed programs are planned for Sept. 15 on sunflowers, Sept. 29 on Indian corn and Oct. 6 on mini-pumpkins at 9:30 and 11:00 AM each day.

The program is recommended for children preschool age up to 8 years of age and costs \$7 per child. For more information see the website www.terhuneorchards.com or call the farm store (609) 924-2310. Pre-registration is requested.



Calendar of Events 2009

Sept. 19 & 20	Apple Day - 10am-5pm	Oct. 10 & 11	Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10am – 5pm
Sept. 26 & 27	Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10am-5pm	Oct 17 & 18	Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10am – 5pm
Sept. 29	Photo Contest Entries Due 5pm	Oct 24 & 25	Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10am – 5pm
Sept. 29	Read & Pick: Indian Corn 9:30 & 11am sessions	Nov. 1	Order your Thanksgiving pies at the Farm Store
Oct. 2	Photo Contest Opening Reception: Winners Announced, 5pm-7pm		
Oct 3 & 4	Fall Family Fun Weekend, 10am – 5pm, Alpacas Show & Demonstration Weekend		
Oct. 6	Read & Pick: Mini Pumpkins-9:30 & 11am sessions		

Pick-Your-Own Schedule

May—Strawberries
June—Blueberries, Sweet Cherries, Sour Cherries
July—Blueberries, Raspberries, Blackberries, Flowers
August—Raspberries, Blackberries, Flowers, Apples (4th weekend)
September & October—Apples (Van Kirk Rd. only), Raspberries, Pumpkins, Flowers

Van Kirk Road Orchards open Labor Day Weekend.
 Call Farm Store 609-924-2310 for information on availability of specific varieties.

Apples for All Appetites

Terhune Orchards grows 30 varieties of apples and 15 of those are available for pick-your-own from September 5 to November 1. Our apples are crisp and have a nice “snap” when you bite into them—sweet or tart, red, yellow or green—something for everyone.

Apples are one of the easiest fruits to pick; it doesn't take much time to fill a basket with the freshest possible fruit.



Terhune's dwarf apple trees produce plenty of fruit within easy reach of even the smallest hands. To pick an apple, use your whole hand to roll it upwards off the branch, then give it a little twist. Don't pull it straight away from the tree because that might damage the branch and shake other apples to the ground.

Terhune workers are always available to explain which apples are ready for picking and the correct way to harvest the juiciest, sweetest apples.

Our Van Kirk Road orchard is open every day and on weekends, there are wagon rides through the orchards to where ripe fruit is waiting.

Varieties available at Terhune begin in September and finish in November.

Gala	Liberty
Jonamac	Stayman Winesap
Early Fuji	Granny Smith
McIntosh	Fuji
Jonathan	Braeburn
Red Delicious	Cameo
Jonagold	Pink Lady
Empire	Macoun

Check the chart in the Farm Store or the website (www.terhuneorchards.com) to find out when your favorite variety is available for picking.



Pick Your Own at Terhune Orchards

Picking your own fruit is more popular than ever and the best place to find sweet, juicy apples and perfect pumpkins is Terhune Orchards.

Our Van Kirk Road Farm is open for apple picking every day with wagon rides to the picking on the weekends. Also at Van Kirk Road, find gourds to help dress up your fall holiday arrangements. Check out the fields on Cold Soil Road for fresh raspberries and the ideal pumpkin for your Halloween jack-o-lantern.

Apple Day

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first slice of pumpkin pie and take home a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

In the Gallery Barn, look for an art show of the work of Ruthann Perry. Her “Horses and Other Things” show of sculptures made of reclaimed wood and found objects, reflect her love of horses and birds. They range from tiny tabletop pieces to almost life-size horses.

When it's time to head for the orchards to pick your own apples, choose from: versatile Empires, lunchbox-size Red or Golden Delicious, or Stayman Winesap. The apples are easy to reach and pick because they grow on dwarf trees that produce lots of fruit. Take your apples home to make a quick, flavorful applesauce, pie or cobbler, and pack them in lunchboxes for school and work.

Admission to Apple Day is \$5; children ages 3 and younger are admitted free. Parking will be at the farm this year.



Fall Family News

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half of the building will be sorely needed storage space. The whole experience has been fantastic from using traditional post and beam construction and working with skilled Amish builders to utilizing energy-efficient machinery, lighting, and solar panels.

Our old red barn is over 150 years old and the store barn over 90 years. We are sure our new barn will last at least that long if not longer!



Directions to Terhune Orchards

Directions: Travel on the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 9, transfer to Rte #1 South for about 20 miles, then take Interstate 95 South (different from the NJ Turnpike) to the second exit for Rte 206 North, Lawrenceville-Princeton. Take route #206 to the fourth traffic light and turn left onto Cold Soil Road. The main farm is on the right, 3 miles from Rte #206.

