

Fall FARM TOUR



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Saturday, September 26th, 2015

Fun for the Whole Family!

Featured Stops:

Ridgetop Orchards—Fishertown
Eat 2 Live Bistro & Market —New Paris
Tractorfest—Schellsburg
Snider's Homestead — New Enterprise
Rose Family Farm—Cessna

Activities planned include:

Local Foods & Chef Demonstration * Tractor Displays, Ride and Demos
Chicken BBQ * Tractor Parade * Children's Activities * Dairy Tours
Dairy Princess * Photo Opportunities * Apple & Jam Tastings
Apple Packing Line Tours * Orchard Driving Tour
Farm-to-Table Restaurant * Farmer's Market Shopping & More...

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Welcome Tourers...

We hope you enjoy our 2015 Fall Farm Tour.
This event is designed to be a self-guided driving tour.

Participate in this Fall Farm Tour at your own risk.

Please be mindful of posted speed limits and watch for children, animals, horse-drawn buggies, etc.

Tourers hereby waive and release the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce, its employees and officers, all sponsors, businesses and sites and/or their employees, agents or representatives from any and all rights and claims for any injuries, loss or damages that must be sustained to the fullest extent permitted by law. Mileage is Approximate. Addresses are easily found using GPS. Tourers should respect posted caution signs, no trespassing signs and other instructions by each host farm.

Touching animals without permission of the farm owner is not advised.

Please respect the tour hours for each site.

Special thanks to each host site and our sponsors!

Agriculture is the #1 industry in Bedford County and the state of Pennsylvania, and has a significant impact on our daily lives. From our safe and affordable food supply, to the many businesses related to farms and farm products, agriculture impacts the economy in far-reaching ways:

One in every seven jobs in Pennsylvania is related to agriculture. Agriculture accounts for \$6.7 billion dollars in annual cash receipts with a total economic impact of \$67 billion.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in export grade hardwoods and mushroom production in addition to the production of many other necessities, including milk, beef, wool, produce, and more. In addition, more than 90% of Bedford County land is forests or farms, making the agriculture community incredibly important to the preservation of our county's natural beauty and resources, including our clear streams and clean air.

To learn more about Agri-Business in Bedford County, pick up our Agri-Business brochure at venues throughout the county, or visit the Chamber of Commerce Website:

www.BedfordCountyChamber.com





Tourers Welcome:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Packing Line Tour: 9-10 a.m. (every 15 minutes)

2953 Valley Road

Fishertown, PA 15539

Directions from I-99:

Take Exit 3 (Cessna) toward Fishertown/Johnstown
Onto Rt. 56 West/Quaker Valley Rd.

At approx. 3.2 mi, turn left onto Crissman Rd.

Take 3rd right onto Valley Road

Ridgetop Orchard will be on your right.

Come taste the fruits of our labor!

Ever wonder how our apples get from our trees to your table? Join us on the porch at Ridgetop Orchards as we present "From Farm to You." Learn how we grow, pick & pack our fruits. Peek in the packing house, or take a tour of the packing line between 9am & 10am. During the rest of the day, sample and savor the flavors of our apples and jams and pick up a brochure of our orchard driving tour to view some of the prettiest spots in the Chestnut Ridge area...



About Ridgetop Orchards: A life in the orchards. A family business. That describes the youth of Dan Boyer & his family, owners of Ridgetop Orchards. The Boyer family - along with a staff of dedicated employees - have put a lifetime of learning, love & labor into the 450+ acres of fruit trees now known as Ridgetop Orchards.

At Ridgetop, Dan, Lois, Seth & Mark continue the nurturing tradition of their cultural heritage - growing cherries, peaches and apples. Ridgetop Orchards grows, packs & ships fruit for domestic and export sales. Cherries are picked in early summer and can be purchased fresh from the tree. The orchard's many varieties of peaches and apples, along with specialty jams, preserves and salsas, are available for retail sale 'on the porch' and for gift shipping from mid to late summer through January.

The packing facility & porch retail store is in Fishertown, PA - just off Route 56.



Learn more online: ridgetoporchards.com.

TRACTORFEST 2015



Tourers Welcome:

9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Shawnee Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.
Pavilion Just off Rt. 96 in Schellsburg

Directions from downtown Bedford:
Rt. 30 (Lincoln Hwy) West approx. 9 miles
In Schellsburg, Turn Left at the Light
SVVFC Pavilion will be on your right.

What would a Farm Tour be without tractors?



Stop by Tractorfest 2015 in Schellsburg for an up-close look at all kinds of antique & garden tractors: see what they can do, plus so much more!

Saturday's activities include:

Vendor Displays ~ Crafts ~ Blacksmithing
Raffles ~ Flea Market ~ Baked Goods
Chinese Auction ~ & More...

*(Proceeds benefit the Shawnee Valley
Volunteer Fire Department)*

8am—Breakfast Available
10am—Tractor Rides & Parade
11am—Chicken BBQ + lots of other yummy food!
12pm—Horseshoe Tournament
4pm—Dead Weight Tractor Pull
& Garden Tractor Pulls
5pm—Speaker Pam Price
6pm—Saturday Evening Entertainment:
Revised Edition (great Bluegrass!)

Admission is FREE!



Bring your lawn chair to enjoy all of the activities. This event started in 2010 as a senior project, and has become a much-anticipated annual event, a great day of tractor-loving fun!

Learn more about Tractorfest
on Facebook
Visit the SVVFD Page

Or the Tractorfest Event Page





Tour Activities:

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Noon Cooking Class/Demonstration

1634 Quaker Valley Rd

New Paris, PA 15554

Phone: (814) 310-9059

Directions from I-99

Take Exit #3 (Cessna) fro Rt. 56 (Toward Johnstown)

Restaurant is approx. 3 miles on the right.



Welcome to Eat 2 Live Bistro and Market, owned by Dr. Kris and Tina Arnold, where farm-fresh foods come to life to benefit your body:

Every dish on the menu is freshly made with organic, local fruits and vegetables, and pastured meats whenever possible, utilizing superfoods from around the world with fresh herbs and spices. Each ingredient is carefully chosen for its nutritional value and prepared to bring out it's unique layer of flavor. We think your taste buds and your health are going to love it!

For the 2015 Fall Farm Tour, the Arnolds have invited some of their local farm-to-table partners to exhibit, including Jubilee Hilltop Ranch (beef), Rosewood Coopery (eggs) and Katherine Forsht (chickens, turkeys & produce.) Enjoy speaking with these local producers and learn more about the benefits of food without preservatives or additives; products available for purchase!

Don't miss the cooking demonstration at noon by Executive Chef Kristine MacIntyre who will share some tips on fresh food cooking using one of Eat 2 Live's unique menu favorites! Enjoy a tasting, and you're welcome to stay and purchase lunch in the colorful and inspiring dining room.



Experience fresh, fantastic, fulfilling food in a relaxing and rejuvenating environment with courteous heartfelt service. Whether you are a vegetarian, raw food, gluten-free or just like good food, you want to feel great after a meal:

Satisfied, energized, delighted, sustained, confident, strong, connected—Ready for Everything!

Learn More: www.eat2livebistro.com





Tourers Welcome:

Noon-3:00 p.m.

2563 Brumbaugh Road—New Enterprise

Directions from I-99

Take Exit 7 and follow Rt. 869 East toward New Enterprise

Enjoy the scenic drive over Brumbaugh Mountain

Continuing to follow signs for Rt. 869 (bearing right at the T in the road)

Snider Homestead Farms will be on your on left.

Welcome to Snider Homestead Farms!

Seven generations strong, the Snider Homestead family of New Enterprise, was purchased by John and Amanda Snider in 1892, and is now home to great-great-granddaughter Berneta (Snider) and Brad Gable and their family.

When Berneta's father Bernard and uncle Obie took over the farm, they continued to milk Guernsey cattle until Obie purchased the nearby Singing Brook Farm and began milking Holsteins.



Berneta and Brad's son Aaron, along with his wife Amy (Liggett), daughters Bella and Blaire, and son Cannon, are on the original homestead, where they milk more than 120 Guernseys and 30 Holsteins. The Gables, along with two full-time employees and two part-time high school students, farm 400 acres, growing 100 acres of corn, 20 acres of barley and 200 acres of alfalfa and grass hay to balance the pasture.

The Gable's daughter, Kendy is also a vital part of the farm. She reigned as the National Guernsey Queen in 2004. She now is a singer-songwriter in New York City where she teaches piano and voice and works on an urban farm. She helps at the farm and the cattle shows in her "spare" time when she comes home to Bedford County.

Snider Homestead Guernseys have earned significant show ring success, including exhibiting class winners and champions at the All American Dairy Show, and earning many Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners, including consecutive honors from 2006 through 2012. Sniders Telestar Heaven was the family's first Grand Champion winner in 1993.

The National Dairy Shrine recognized Berneta with the 2013 Distinguished Dairy Cattle Breeder award because of her family's worldwide renown in breeding quality and sought-after Guernsey genetics.

During the 2015 Fall Farm Tour, the Gables invite you to enjoy a guided tour of their beautiful farm, *A Dairy of Distinction*, visit with this year's Bedford County Dairy Princess, Erin Jay and her royalty, and take the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the significant role of dairy farming in our daily lives.





Tourers Welcome:
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Cessna, PA 15522

Directions from I-99:
Take Exit 3
Turn toward the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.
Rose Family Farm Store is at the intersection
of Rt. 56 and Pensyl Hollow Road.

Craig & Amy Rose say that their purpose in starting Rose Family Farm came from their desire to spend more time with their children. They also wanted to teach their children the value of an honest day's work and to experience the satisfaction of seeing through the process of clearing land, planting a seed, tending to it, and ultimately harvesting the fruit of their labor.

They believe the farm, which began near Gravity Hill in New Paris, but was recently relocated to Cessna, is also a great place to learn many important life lessons, from losing animals they have grown attached to, to landing the monster bass from their irrigation pond, and learning perseverance and endurance as they navigate the many challenges that come with the farm life. They say they are continually learning from one another.



The Roses say they are always trying to improve their farm. They use conventional and conservation farming practices, but are proponents of the sustainable agriculture movement to ensure that the future generations will have the same opportunities afforded to them.

They grow a wide variety of tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and sweet corn. They also grow pumpkins, gourds, cantaloupe, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, and onions and more.

You can find them at a number of area Farmer's Markets, Like downtown Bedford and Ligonier, but they also recently opened their own Farm Store at the Cessna exit just off of I-99 near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center.

During the Fall Farm Tour, the Rose Family invites you to explore their farm store offerings, including a variety of fresh produce. Children will enjoy pumpkin decorating and coloring pages, as well as the opportunity to take fun fall photos.

