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Sanders Ridge



First-class wine, food, atmosphere

You don't have to spend much time with Neil Shore to realize that he is the head of a family that owns a vineyard, a winery, an organic farm and an outstanding restaurant, but that none of those things is what is most important to him. It's more about leaving a legacy. And Sanders Ridge is sure to be a legacy for his children and his children's children. The land that is the home for Sanders Ridge Vineyard, Winery & Restaurant has been in the Shore family for more than 163 years. Neil is the great great-grandson of John Benjamin Shore who settled the original 800 acres in 1847, and is the fifth generation of Shore farmers to work the land on Sanders Ridge.

Neil, his wife Cindy and his daughter Jennifer are the primary operators of the businesses on the land that Neil farmed tobacco, corn, soybeans, cattle, and timber for 40 years. It was sometime in the 1990s that he came to the conclusion that his conventional farming business was not going to be enough to provide for his children and their families.

"I wanted to build something to sustain the next generation," he said recently.

And that's what Neil and his family have done in creating Sanders Ridge Vineyard and Winery.

Between 1999 and 2001, Neil laid the groundwork and established the vineyard, and in December 2005, he began producing USDA certified organic vegetables, herbs, and cut flowers at the Farm at Sanders Ridge. In June of 2009 he opened the winery and restaurant. And, in 2010, he

added 12 zip lines as an activity for guests. The restaurant is located in a towering post and beam structure built from lumber and stone from the farm.

"My youngest son, Joseph, and I saw-milled the trees for the building," said Neil, explaining it was four years in the making.

The building is all wood and stone with a large fireplace in the center.

"I wanted to have a place that had a relaxing atmosphere," he said. "I want people to be able to come, relax, stay as long as they want to, sit out on the porch and visit with each other."



Deck the Halls Passports promise holiday fun



Nine Surry County wineries have joined together to offer a passport for a special "Deck the Halls" event for the holidays.

Passports for the season-long event scheduled to run from November 13 through the end of the year makes the passport itself an excellent gift.

During the event period, passport holders will be given a commemorative Deck the Halls glass, a free wine tasting and a unique 2010 hand-crafted holiday ornaments from each participating Surry County area winery. The passport, which is priced at \$45 for an individual or \$75 for a couple, gives its owner the added benefit of special wine and food recipes that are favorites of the wineries.

"The passport started as an outgrowth of a group of Surry County wineries that decided to work together to promote our wines and the Surry County wine region," said Clyde Colwell. He and his wife Pat own and operate Carolina Heritage, North Carolina's first USDA-Certified Organic Vineyard and Winery.

"Deck the Halls is a joint marketing effort of all the wineries involved. We are a loose confederation," he said. "We just want to make sure people find where we are."

Those who purchase a passport will get the directions they need to find some of North Carolina's most unique wineries. Those who decide to visit on December 4 and 5 will also be treated to a special food and wine weekend and special discounted rates at participating Elkin lodges.

Wineries participating in the event are Brushy Mountain Winery, Carolina Heritage Vineyards, Grassy Creek Vineyards, Hutton Vineyards, McRitchie Winery & Ciderworks, Olde Mill Vineyards, Round Peak Vineyards, Slightly Askew Winery and Stony Knoll Vineyards.

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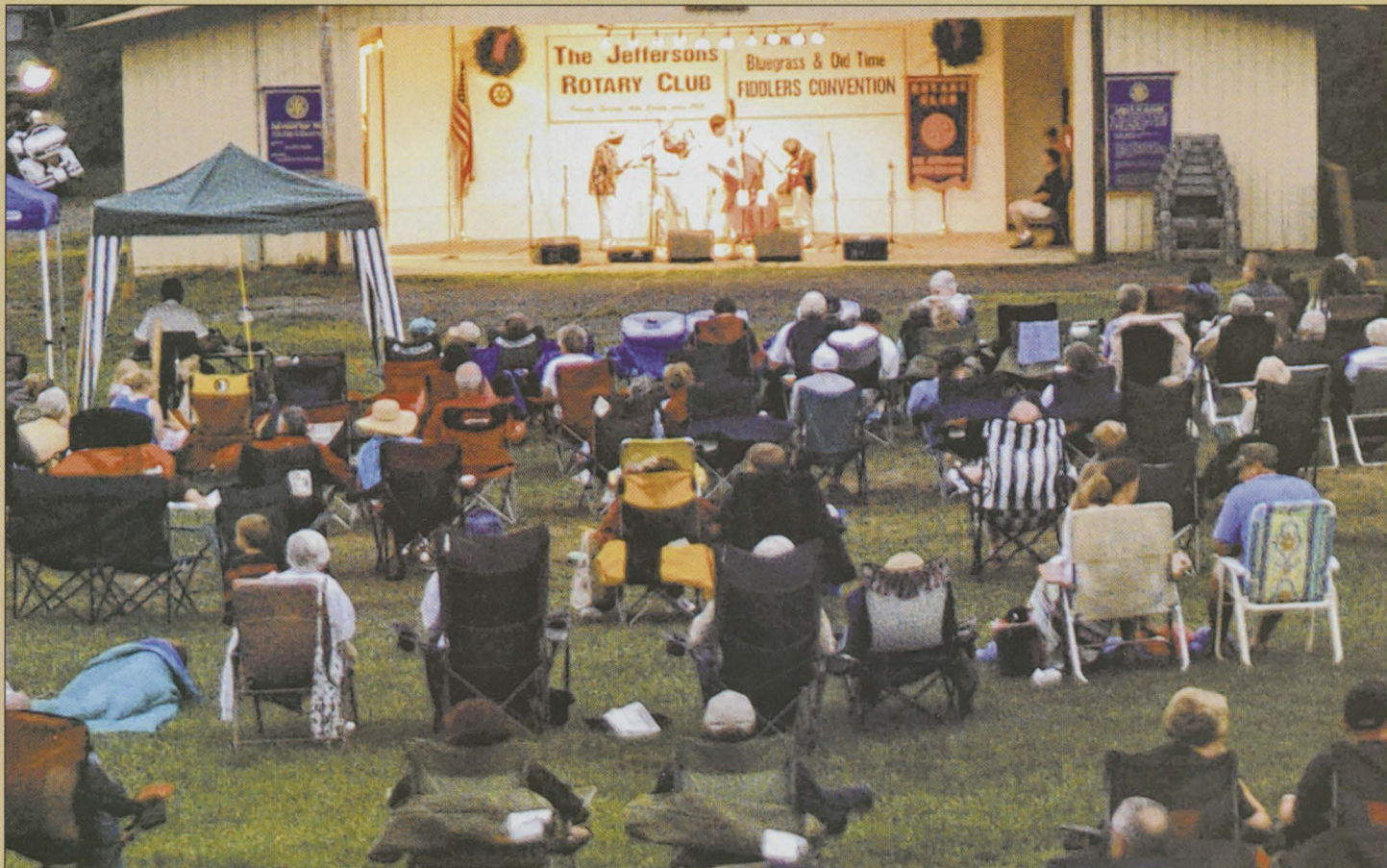
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Making beautiful music in Ashe

Some of the 700 who attended the Ashe County Bluegrass & Old Time Fiddlers Convention Saturday stayed late into the evening to hear bands that traveled from as far away as Charlotte and Durham. Top musicians came from such places and from closer by in Ashe, eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia. At right: Renowned banjo musician Terry Baucom gives lessons under the Ashe Park picnic shelter. Baucom is married to Cindy Baucom of Ashe who is host of the nationally syndicated radio program *Knee-deep in Bluegrass*.



Originals or Reproductions: What's the difference?

By Raney Rogers
Special to On The Vine

During the 19 years of operating my own gallery I have heard many questions about the arts and the most repetitive of these is "...what is the difference between originals and reproductions?" Most recently the question has taken on even more intensity as the offerings of the reproduction process changes almost daily. Personally, I no longer do limited edition prints unless it is for a charity. I prefer giclee reproductions as they last longer and the giclee standard is much higher than that of a limited edition.

The original is, of course, the image the artist initially created - the work which took many hours of thinking, planning and executing. The work which, no matter how wonderful the reproductive process, will never be exactly the same. So, do you want, and can you afford the champagne, or will you settle for beer. They are both sparkly!

Then there are the reproductions. There are hand-pulled lithographs - created by the artist - but still prints, the serigraph, or silk screen prints, the giclee, which is 6 or more colors created with archival ink on archival paper. Then there are the limited edition prints, open edition prints, posters and images on cups, linens, hats, t-shirts and you name it.

So, how do you know what to buy? Most instances it is your pocketbook which will decide the matter for you. Definitely the original is best. The colors more intense, brush strokes evident throughout, even the energy of an original can be felt. Did you ever notice how tired



Raney Rogers
Correspondent

you get when walking through an art museum? The work you are looking at is the result of "blood, sweat and tears" artist style.

Albrecht Durer was the first to create prints from blocks of wood. Durer is my favorite artist and it was a thrill to see his work while I was in Florence - Italy, not the school. It was written that his reasoning for creating these prints was to offer art to the masses. That reasoning still stands. It was a principal that I implemented when I opened my gallery in West Jefferson nineteen years ago, a lone gallery where some even noted that "no one buys art here". I decided to offer my images in small open editions as well as the signed limited edition prints which I already had. The response was what carried me through many years. They were already

framed and very inexpensive, but they represented to the collector the image which was so ingrained in their minds, and they could take it home with them.

One of my mentors, Robert Bateman, an artist known throughout the world for his naturalistic and environmental paintings, told me that I should not begin to make prints until the demand for my originals out paced their production. That was good, sound advice for all artists. Now, with the advent of giclees, it may not be quite as applicable.

One giclee can be produced, or 100 as it is the sole discretion of the artist.

Art critics are more apt to say that reproductions take away the value of the original - everyone has the same image, and some say that reproductions add to the value of the original. It is a matter of opinion in both instances. But take for instance, opera. Opera used to be available to the public only in opera houses with strict time frames and formal attire. The stage settings are beautiful and the voices ring throughout the house and touch your very soul. However, now you can watch opera from the comfort of your home on your TV. It is not quite the same, but moving nonetheless. Which is best, and then which is best for you?

As always in art, it is the opinion of the collector and none other that matter. You are the creator of your world and you make the choice for what you bring into it. The arts will always be the cherry on the whipped cream, the croutons in your soup, the sparkle in your soul.

Raney Rogers is an award-winning artist in West Jefferson, owner/operator of Acorn Gallery with a home and studio at the historic Black Bear Inn.

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River House new site for Blues Festival

Over the last 7 seasons the New River Blues Festival has presented some classic blues artists to the High Country resulting in a day of great tunes, food, drink and scenery. Always set in a beautiful location, the festival has grown into an event that delivers a memorable day of music and draws folks from across the country. This year the Blues flowed in early Sept. and the festival moved to its new home at River House Inn on the banks of the New River, just north of Jefferson.

According to organizers "This location has been called one of the prettiest on the New River and lends itself as a perfect site for some smokin' blues music. River House Inn has become known for their unique rooms, food and hospitality. When you factor in their experience for hosting all kinds of parties and events, and their lawn that is bordered by the river, you have a great combination for presenting world-class blues in a unique setting."

This year's talent was one of the best lineups to date, ac-

cording to promoters. Regional favorites, The King Bees, were joined by some dynamic players that have left their marks on Blues music. Keyboard player and vocalist, Shrimp City Slim returns to NRBF along with special guest, harmonica player extraordinaire, Juke Joint Johnny. Drink Small, 77 years young, was back at NRBF with his gutsy guitar and vocals, proving why he is a southern treasure and a member of the South Carolina Music Hall of Fame. Newcomers to the festival this year were Ike and Val Woods out of Miami. Recently returning from a highly successful tour of Spain, this duo offered powerful vocals from Val that have been compared to Etta James and Ike's guitar style brought elements of Jimi Hendrix and BB King, with a dash of soul, for an incredible blues sound. Also guitarist Sammy Blue out of Atlanta will be on the line up this year. Taj Mahal states that Sammy "is one of the best kept secrets of roots music." Sammy's musicianship will fit nicely into this year's roster of Blues originals.



Photo submitted
River House in Grassy Creek hosts New River Blues Festival



Unique fun in the North Carolina mountains

The northwest North Carolina mountains are home to early forms of music, modern expressions of artistic talent and physically demanding recreation. Each of those hold their appeal for a variety of tourists from across the nation.

The next few pages depict the diversity of the changing mountain communities that have become attractive to visitors.

A very woolly spectacle

Post photos/Linda Burchette

Crowds of people of all ages crowded around at the Ashe County Farmers Market agricultural Extension agent Charles Young shear sheep. The shearing demonstration was part of Fiber Day at the market. Other activities included spinning wool and showing folks about sorting and dyeing of the wool by Nancy Hoffman and her son Matt from Spin A Yarn in West Jefferson. Children and adults alike enjoyed holding a 4-day-old lamb.

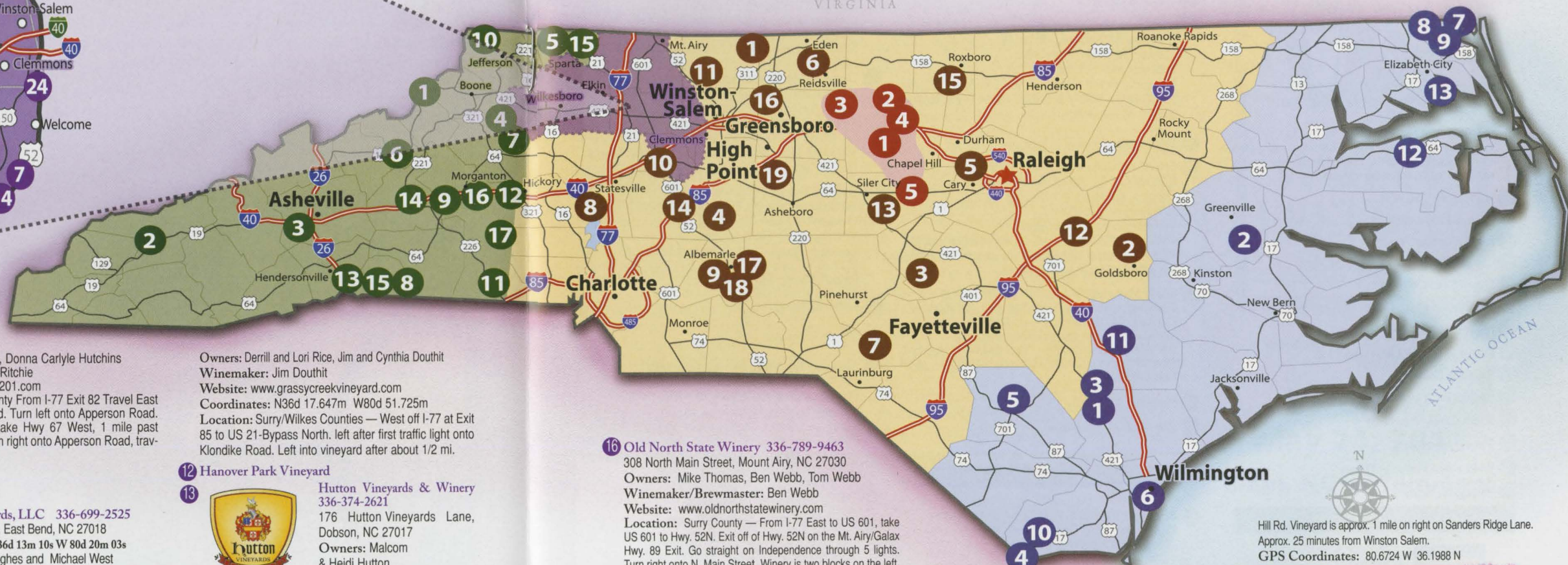
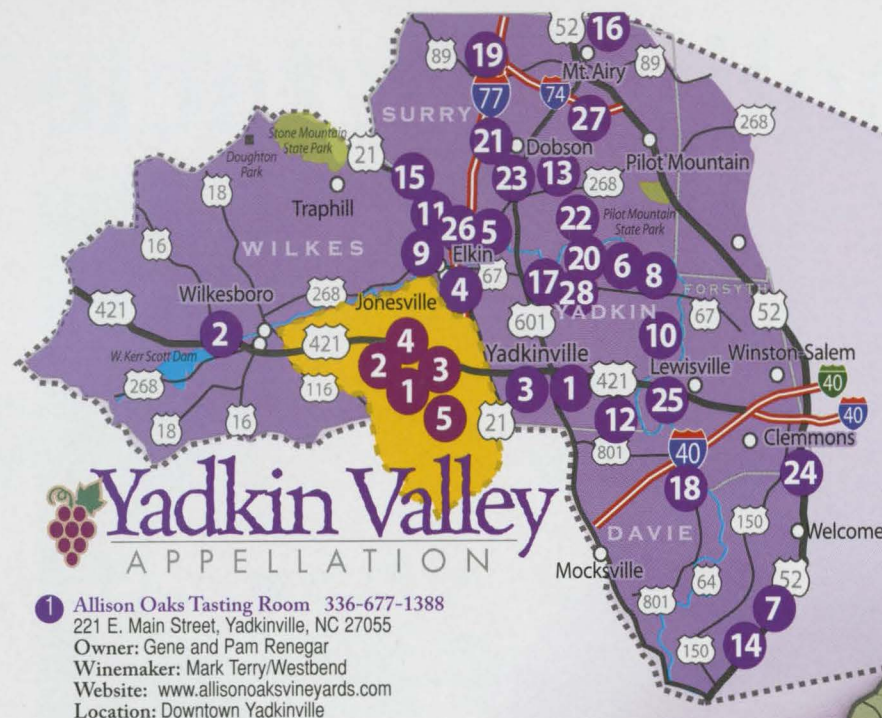


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WINERY INDEX



1 Allison Oaks Tasting Room 336-677-1388
221 E. Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055
Owner: Gene and Pam Renegar
Winemaker: Mark Terry/Westbend
Website: www.allisonoaksvineyards.com
Location: Downtown Yadkinville

2 Benny Parsons Rendezvous Ridge 336-973-7375
172 Benny Parsons Rd., Purlar, NC 28665
Owner: Terri Parsons
Winemaker: Mark Terry
Website: www.rendezvousridge.com, www.bennyparsons.com
Location: Wilkes County, minutes from W. Kerr Scott Dam

3 Brandon Hills Vineyard 336-463-1927
1927 Brandon Hills Road
Yadkinville, NC 27055
Owners: David and Pamela Blackwell
Winemaker: Kent Smith
Website: brandonhillsvineyard.com
Location: Yadkin County—From US 421 take US 601 So., turn right on Lone Hickory, 1.2 miles turn right on Neelie Rd., 0.5 mi. turn left on Brandon Hills Rd.

4 Brushy Mountain Winery 336-835-1313
125 W. Main St., Elkin, NC 28621
Owners: Matthew and Ann Mayberry and family.
Winemaker: Jason Wiseman
Website: www.brushymountainwine.com
Location: Surry County — Downtown Elkin, 1/2 block west of town's main square.

5 Carolina Heritage Vineyard & Winery 336-366-3301
170 Heritage Vines Way Elkin, NC 28621
Owners and Winemakers: Clyde & Pat Colwell
Website: carolinaheritagevineyards.com
Location: From I-77: Take I-77 Exit 85 East (Right) Hwy 268 Bypass/CC Camp Road to Highway 268. Turn Left (East) Highway 268 for .8 mile. Vineyard is visible on the north side of 268 next to road sign: "Heritage Vines Way." (10202 E Hwy 268-Elkin) From Hwy 52/Hwy 601: Take Hwy 268 West for 3 miles from Hwy 601. Vineyard is visible on the north side of Hwy 268 next to road sign: "Heritage Vines Way." (10202 E Hwy 268-Elkin)

6 Cellar 4201 336-699-6030
4201 Apperson Road, East Bend, NC 27018

GPS Coordinates: 36D 14M 12S W80D 28M 26S

Owner: Greg Hutchins, Donna Carlyle Hutchins
Winemaker: Sean McRitchie
Website: www.cellar4201.com
Location: Yadkin County From I-77 Exit 82 Travel East on Hwy 67 to East Bend. Turn left onto Apperson Road. From Winston-Salem, take Hwy 67 West, 1 mile past Yadkin River Bridge, turn right onto Apperson Road, travel 2.6 miles on left.
7 Childress Vineyards
8 Divine Llama Vineyards, LLC 336-699-2525
4126 Divine Llama Lane, East Bend, NC 27018
GPS Coordinates: N36d 13m 10s W 80d 20m 03s
Owners: Thomas H. Hughes and Michael West
Winemaker: Kent Smith
Website: www.divinellamavineyards.com
Location: From NC Hwy 67, turn onto Macedonia Road in East Bend. Vineyard is .6 mile on left.

9 Elkin Creek Vineyard 336-526-5119
318 Elkin Creek Mill Road, Elkin NC 28621
Owner and Winemaker: Mark Greene
Website: www.elkinckreekvineyard.com
Vineyard: Open daily, 11 am.-5 p.m.
Location: Wilkes County — West off I-77 at Exit 85 2 mi. to N. Bridge St.; right 3/4 mi.; left on Carter Mill Road for 1.5 mi.; left on Elkin Mill Road.

10 Flint Hill Vineyards & Century Kitchen 336-699-4455
2133 Flint Hill Road, East Bend, NC 27018
Owners: Brenda and Tim Doub
Winemaker: Kent Smith & Steven Shepard
Website: www.flinthillcenturykitchen.com
Location: Yadkin County — Off US 421 at Baltimore Road exit to Old 421. Turn right. Then left on Flint Hill Road. Vineyard 2 mi. on left.

11 Grassy Creek Vineyard 336-835-4230
Cottage Circle, Elkin, NC 28621

Owners: Derrill and Lori Rice, Jim and Cynthia Douthit
Winemaker: Jim Douthit
Website: www.grassycreekvineyard.com
Coordinates: N36d 17.647m W80d 51.725m
Location: Surry/Wilkes Counties — West off I-77 at Exit 85 to US 21-Bypass North. left after first traffic light onto Klondike Road. Left into vineyard after about 1/2 mi.

12 Hanover Park Vineyard
13 Hutton Vineyards & Winery 336-374-2621
176 Hutton Vineyards Lane, Dobson, NC 27017
Owners: Malcom & Heidi Hutton
Winemaker: Jocelyn Kuzelka
Website: www.huttonwinery.com
Location: From NC Hwy 67, turn left on Rockford Road. Pass through historic Old Rockford. 1.5 miles to main gate entrance.

14 Junius Lindsay Vineyard 336-764-0487
385 Dr. Zimmerman Road - Lexington NC 27295
Owner: Michael and Lucia Zimmerman
Website: www.juniuslindsay.com
Winemaker: Mark Friszolowski
Location: From I-40 in Winston Salem, take US 52 South (Lexington). (If you're coming from Hwy 64, take US 52 North.) Take exit 97 and turn right at the end of the ramp. Go to the stop lights, and turn right again on Enterprise Road. Go 2.5 miles (you'll pass Robana Farms on the left) and turn Left on Craver Road. Go 0.4 miles and turn right on Dr. Zimmerman Road. After .25 miles you'll see the Junius Lindsay Vineyard sign on the right. After the sign turn right onto the gravel lane and follow it to the vineyard.

15 McRitchie Winery & Ciderworks 336-874-3003
315 Thurmond PO Road, Thurmond, NC 28683
Owners: Sean and Patricia McRitchie
Winemaker: Sean McRitchie
Website: www.mcritchiewine.com
Location: Wilkes County— From I-77, Take Exit 83 or Exit 85 to US 21 north toward Sparta. After 8 miles, turn right on Thurmond PO Road (not Thurmond Road). Vineyard 1/8 mi. on left.

16 Old North State Winery 336-789-9463
308 North Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030
Owners: Mike Thomas, Ben Webb, Tom Webb
Winemaker/Brewmaster: Ben Webb
Website: www.oldnorthstatewinery.com
Location: Surry County — From I-77 East to US 601, take US 601 to Hwy. 52N. Exit off of Hwy. 52N on the Mt. Airy/Galax Hwy. 89 Exit. Go straight on Independence through 5 lights. Turn right onto N. Main Street. Winery is two blocks on the left.

17 RagApple Lassie Vineyards

18 RayLen Vineyards

19 Round Peak Vineyards 336-352-5595
765 Round Peak Church Rd., Mount Airy, NC 27030
Owners: Ken Gulaian & Kari Heerdt
Vineyard Manager: Whit Lambert
Winemaker: Sean McRitchie
Website: www.roundpeak.com
Location: Surry County — I-77 to Exit 100. Left on NC89 toward Low Gap. Right on Round Peak Church Rd. for 1.4 mi. Vineyard is on left.

20 Sanders Ridge Vineyard & Winery

21 Shelton Vineyards 336-366-4724
286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, NC 27017
Owners: Charles M. Shelton and R. Edwin Shelton
Winemaker: Murphy Moore
Website: www.sheltonvineyards.com
Location: Surry County — I-77 to Exit 93 Dobson. Turn right, then take first right onto Twin Oaks Rd. Go 2.5 miles to the Shelton Vineyards entrance on the right.

22 Stony Knoll Vineyards

23 Surry Community College Winery

24 Weathervane Winery

25 Westbend Vineyards

26 Slightly Askew Winery 336-835-2700
913 N. Bridge Street, Elkin, NC 28621

27 Olde Mill Vineyards 336-374-OLDE (6533)
2742 Simpson Mill Road, Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Owners: Jeff and Tara Brown
Winemakers: Ethan Brown and Jay Mosley
Website: www.oldemillvineyards.com
Location: Surry County — From I-77 in Elkin, Head East on CC Camp Rd. Turn left onto Hwy 268 East, proceed for approx. 9.8 miles. Turn left onto Copeland School Rd. (merges and becomes Simpson Mill Rd.) Proceed for 2.4 miles. Tasting room is on the left.

28 Sanders Ridge Vineyard, Winery, & Restaurant 336-677-1701
3200 Round Hill Road, Boonville, NC 27011

Owner: Neil Shore
Winemaker: Sara Cooper
Website: www.sandersridge.com
Location: Yadkin County — From Elkin and areas North and West: Hwy 21 South to Hwy 67 East; (Hwy 67 intersects with I-77 at Holiday Inn Express in Jonesville); continue on Hwy 67 East to intersection of Rockford Rd. (3 miles from twilight in Boonville). Turn right on Rockford Rd., go 2 miles and turn right onto Round

Hill Rd. Vineyard is approx. 1 mile on right on Sanders Ridge Lane. Approx. 25 minutes from Winston Salem.
GPS Coordinates: 80.6724 W 36.1988 N

SWAN CREEK AVA

1 Buck Shoals Vineyards
2 Dobbins Creek Vineyards
3 Laurel Gray Vineyards 336-GOT-WINE
5726 Old Hwy 421 W, Hamptonville, NC 27020
Owners: Kim and Benny Myers
Winemaker: Kent Egon Smith
Website: www.laurelgray.com
Location: Yadkin County — Take Exit 73B off I-77, travel north on US Hwy 421 for 1.3 miles. Take Exit 267 north onto Windsor Road. Go .1 mile to Old U.S Hwy 421 and turn right. Vineyard in .1 mile on the left.
4 Raffaldini Vineyards 336-835-9463
450 Groce Road, Ronda, NC 28670
Owners: The Raffaldini Family
Winemaker: Stephen Rigby
Website: www.raffaldini.com
Location: Wilkes County — Take I-40 West through Winston-Salem. Bear right on US Hwy. 421 North towards Yadkinville. Proceed on Hwy. 421 N for approximately 31 miles to Exit 267, Windsor Rd. Turn right on Windsor. Follow signs. Go left on Old Hwy. 421 for 1.4 miles. Go right on Swan Creek Rd. for 2.6 miles. Go left on Clingman Rd. for 1 mile. Go left on Groce Rd.

5 Shadow Springs Vineyard 336-468-5000
5543 Crater Road, Hamptonville, NC 27020

Owners: Chuck and Jamey Johnson
 Winemaker: Kent Egon Smith
 Website: www.shadowspringsvineyard.com
 Location: Yadkin County, Hwy. 421 to Exit 267 (Windsor Road) turn South on Windsor Road for 2.8 miles to Crater Road, turn left on Crater Road, go .5 miles and the vineyard is on the right. Follow paved road to tasting room.

MOUNTAIN REGION

- 1 **Banner Elk Winery** 828-260-1790
135 Deer Run Lane, Banner Elk, NC 28604
Owners: Dr. Richard Wolfe
Website: www.bannerelkwinery.com
Location: Avery County — from Banner Elk, north on N.C. 194 1.5 mi. Then left on Gualtney Road. Winery is 1/4 mi. on right.
- 2 **Calaboose Cellars**
- 3 **Biltmore Estate Winery** 800-543-2961
One North Pack Square, Asheville, NC 28801
Bernard DeLille, VP/Winemaker
Website: www.biltmore.com
Location: Buncombe County — On the grounds of Biltmore Estate in Asheville. Take I-40 Exit 50A and go north on Hwy 25 two blocks to Biltmore House entrance.
- 4 **Cerminaro Vineyard**
- 5 **Chateau Laurinda**
- 6 **Elk Mountain Winery**
- 7 **Ginger Creek Vineyards**
- 8 **Green Creek Winery**
- 9 **Lake James Cellars**
- 10 **New River Winery**
- 11 **Owl's Eye Vineyard & Winery LLC**
- 12 **Raintree Cellars**
- 13 **Rockhouse Vineyards**
- 14 **South Creek Vineyards**
- 15 **Thistle Meadow**
- 16 **Waldensian Heritage Wines**
- 17 **WoodMill Winery**

PIEDMONT REGION

- 1  **Autumn Creek Vineyard** 336-548-9463
364 Means Creek Rd., Mayodan, NC 27027
Owners: Scott Stanley

Website: www.autumncreekvineyards.com
Email: info@autumncreekvineyards.com
Location: Rockingham County. Take US 220 to NC 770, turn left, Rt. on Glens Chapel Rd., left on Means Creek Road.
- 2 **A Secret Garden Winery**
- 3 **Black Rock Vineyards**
- 4 **Cauble Creek Vineyard**
- 5 **Chatham Hill Winery**
- 6 **Chinqua Penn Vineyards**
- 7 **Cypress Bend Vineyards**
- 8  **Davesté Vineyards**
Davesté Vineyards
704-528-3882
155 Lytton Farm Road, Troutman, NC 28166
Owners: Dave and Ester DeFehr
Winemaker: Jason Wiseman

Website: www.daveste.com
Location: Iredell County; I-77 Exit 42, North on Hwy. 21 for 3.1 miles, left on Talley Street for 1.1 miles, left on Lytton Farm Road for .1 miles.

- 9 **Dennis Vineyards** 800-230-1743
24043 Endy Rd., Albemarle, NC 28001
Owners: Pritchard and Sandoz Dennis
Website: www.dennisvineyards.com
Location: Stanly County — From Albemarle, take NC 24-27 west approx. 5 miles; at caution light at Endy Road, turn right; winery 1/2 mile on left.
- 10 **Garden Gate Vineyards**
- 11 **Germanton Art & Winery**
- 12 **Hinnant Family Vineyard**
- 13 **Horizon Cellars**
- 14 **Old Stone Vineyard & Winery** 704-279-0930
6245 Hwy. 52, Salisbury, NC 28146
Owner: Darin and Naomi Griffin
Website: www.oldstonewines.com
Location: Rowan County — Take Exit 76 off I-85 onto US 52 South. Winery is 5 miles on left (1 mi. south of town of Granite Quarry).
- 15 **Rock of Ages Winery & Vineyard**
- 16 **Stonefield Cellars** 336-644-9908
8220 Hwy. 68 N., Stokesdale, NC 27357
Owners: Robert and Natalie Wurz
Winemaker: Robert Wurz
Website: www.stonefieldcellars.com
Location: Guilford County — North off I-40 at Exit 210. Take NC 68 north 13 miles. Winery on right at intersection with NC 65 (entrance on NC 65).
- 17 **Stony Mountain Vineyards** 704-982-0922
26370 Mountain Ridge Road, Albemarle, NC 28001
Owners: Ken, Marie and Devron Furr
Website: www.stonymountainvineyards.com
Location: Stanly County — Take Hwy 24-27 East from Albemarle. Turn left at Stone Mountain sign. Turn right on Mountain Ridge Rd.
- 18 **Uwharrie Vineyards**
- 19 **Zimmerman Vineyards**

HAW RIVER AVA

- 1 **Benjamin Vineyards & Winery** 336-376-1080
6516 Whitney Road, Graham (Saxapahaw), NC 27253
Owners: Andy and Nancy Zeman
Website: www.benjaminvineyards.com
Location: Alamance County — Take Exit 154 off I-40/85 south 8.5 miles. Cross Hwy. 54 and continue 4 miles. Left on Whitney Road. Vineyard 1.2 miles on left.
- 2 **Glen Marie Winery**
- 3 **Grove Winery**
- 4 **Iron Gate Vineyards & Winery** 919-304-9463
2540 Lynch Store Road, Mebane, NC 27302
Owners: Gene and Debbie Stikeleather
Website: www.irongatevineyards.com
Location: Alamance County — Exit 153 off I-40; approx. 3 mi. N. of Mebane on NC 119.
- 5  **Silk Hope Winery** 919-545-5696
GPS Coordinates: N35-46-06.6 W 079-16-34.8
701 Duncan Farm Road, Siler City, NC 27344

Owner: Wally Butler
Website: www.silkhopewinery.com
Location: Chatham County — Off U.S. 64 Bypass at Exit 381, north on N.C. 87 1.8 miles to Silk Hope Gum Springs Road. Left 2.5 miles. Winery on left at intersection with Emerson Cook Road.

COASTAL REGION

- 1 **Bannerman Vineyard** 910-259-5474
2624 Stag Park Rd., Burgaw, NC 28425
Owners: Scot and Colleen Bannerman
Website: www.bannermanvineyard.com
Location: Pender County — Take I-40 Exit #398. Turn West on NC Hwy 53. Go 1 mile and turn left on Stag Park Rd and go 2.5 miles.
- 2 **Bennett Vineyards**
- 3 **Duplin Winery** 800-774-9634
P.O. Box 756, Rose Hill, NC 28458
Owners: David Fussell and family
Website: www.duplinwinery.com
Location: Duplin County — Take I-40 exit 380. Right on Hwy 117.
- 4 **Grapefull Sisters Vineyard** 910-653-2944
4903 Ramsey Ford Road, Tabor City, NC 28463
Owners: Sheila Suggs Little and Amy Suggs
Website: www.grapefullsistersvineyard.com
Location: Columbus County — From NC 17, take NC 904 west about 15 mi. Left on Dulah Rd. in Pineway. Vineyard 1.2 mi. on left.
- 5 **Lu Mil Vineyard** 910-866-5819
438 Suggs-Taylor Road, Dublin, NC 28332
Owner: Ron Taylor
Website: www.lumilvineyard.com
Location: Bladen County — South at I-95 Exit 46 on NC 87 25 mi. to Dublin. Left on 4th St. for 1/2 mi., then right on Suggs-Taylor Rd. Vineyard on right.
- 6 **Lumina Winery**
- 7 **Martin Vineyards**
- 8 **Moonrise Bay Vineyard** 866-888-9463
134 Moonrise Bay Landing, Knotts Island, NC 27950
Owners: Richard and Kate Morris
Website: www.moonrisebaywine.com
Location: Currituck County — From Virginia Beach, take Princess Anne Rd. south to Knotts Island. Bear left at the Knotts Island Market and proceed one mile to vineyard on left. Or take the Ferry from Currituck, NC.
- 9 **Sanctuary Vineyards**
- 10 **Silver Coast Winery** 910-287-2800
6680 Barbeque Rd., Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469
Owners: John and Maryann Azzato
Website: www.silvercoastwinery.com
Location: Brunswick County — From Hwy. 17 (7 mi. north of S.C. border) take Hwy. 904 west. After 1.5 miles, take right on Russtown Rd. After 1.5 miles, take 4th right on Barbeque Rd.
- 11 **The Country Squire Winery**
- 12  **Vineyards on the Scuppernon, LLC** 252-796-4727
117 South Elm Street, Columbia, NC 27925

Owners: Jack & Grace Bishop
Winemaker: Tom Payette
Website: www.vineyardsonthescuppernon.com
Location: is on Hwy 64, across from the visitors center in Columbia. It is 30 minutes east of Plymouth and 30 minutes west of Manteo.
- 13 **Weeksville Vineyards & Cellars** 252-330-2622
1630 Salem Church Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Owners: Mack & Faye Sawyer
Email: weeksvillevineyards@roadrunner.com
Location: 12 miles from Elizabeth City, down Hwy. 344 South to the little community known as Weeksville.

'The Neighbors' enliven Todd

A little bit of bluegrass, a little bit of country, and a little bit of rock and roll with some comedy thrown in. This best describes The Neighbors.

The Neighbors played this summer at a seasonal hang out in the northwest mountains -- Todd General Store. Members of the band are Bob Henson on guitar/vocals, Gary Saunders on banjo/vocals, Christine Rider on bass/vocals, and Rick Everhardt on mandolin.

The Neighbors have been performing together for more than 10 years and have evolved in terms of musicianship and personnel several times over that period of time. Originally, the group began as informal picking sessions in one another's living rooms and on front porches. What began as a means to express a passion for acoustic music has grown to the dynamic, energetic group that is The Neighbors.

The group has made several local television appearances and has been on syndicated and internet radio. The Neighbors were invited and performed at the Bronzewound Showcase at the 2008 IBMAS in Nashville, TN. The Neighbors completed a successful and enjoyable four days at Merlefest 2009 and repeated that in 2010. Their sets included one at the Walker Center and one on the Plaza Stage. Some of the tunes from the Merlefest performance can be viewed by checking out their Myspace page or on YouTube.

For three years, the band has provided music for an outdoor drama at the Crossnore School in Crossnore, NC. The show is called "Miracle on the Mountain" and chronicles the life of Mary Martin Sloop who founded the Crossnore School. A CD of soundtrack tunes was recently completed and is now available. Currently four other CDs of music are available. These include "Noise in the Attic," "Carolina Memories," "Live at the Feed & Seed," and their first CD called "Rough Cuts."

Read more: <http://www.myspace.com/theneighborspage#ixzz10D6zudRz> or <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Neighbors/81852087701?ref=s#!>

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Elkin winery releases award-winner

Brushy Mountain Winery announces release of its long awaited, limited production Chatham Reserve Red Wine. This premium wine will only be available for tasting during special occasions, according to Matthew and Ann Mayberry, owners of the downtown Elkin winery. Bottled just a few months ago, the wine has already won several medals, including a gold medal in the North Carolina Wine Competition in Raleigh on October 8.

Brushy Mountain Winery entered four wines in this competition and won two golds and two silvers. Other medals won by the winery's products this year include: Budbreak Festival Wine Competition in Mt. Airy in April 2010; Red Bud Ridge Red - Gold

Atlantic Seaboard Wine Association Competition in Virginia in July 2010 : Chatham Reserve - Silver

Mid Atlantic Southeastern Wine Competition in Winston-Salem in October 2010 : Chardonnay - Gold; Chatham Reserve - Silver; Blackberry - Bronze; Bugaboo Creek Red - Bronze

North Carolina Wine Competition / at the NC State Fair in Raleigh in October 2010: Chatham Reserve - Gold; Bugaboo Creek Red - Gold; Chardonnay - Silver; Appalachian Spring White blend - Silver On October 13, 2010 Brushy Mountain Winery celebrates 4 years of business. Since their opening they have won, to date, 32 medals. "We are very pleased that winemaker Jason Wiseman has produced these award winning wines," said the Mayberrys.

Brushy Mountain Winery is located at 125 West Main Street. Visit www.brushy-mountainwine.com.



Playwrights featured at Cherry Orchard Theatre

Mondee Tilley
Staff Reporter

ARARAT, Va. — From John Wayne to comedy, the Cherry Orchard Theatre will give theater-goers this year a chance to experience work by local playwrights and actors.

Now running for 12 years, the Cherry Orchard Theatre in Ararat, Va., has set its 2010 summer season.

Producer Frank Levering said this year's line-up includes four original pieces, all by regional playwrights and storytellers, and a weekend of live music from the 1960s.

"One of the things that really excites me the most is really being a way for local artists to have a venue for their work. This year is a classic example of that. Dan Hornak is just such a talented actor, but we didn't know he was such a talented playwright," Levering said. "This year he has had a chance to develop his play about John Wayne. We've got Heather Elliott, who is a first-time playwright and she has written what I'm sure is going to be a terrific play. Terry Ingalls has written a play about a relationship with her mother. The bottom line is that you have a lot of local folks with a lot of talent and this gives them a chance to stretch themselves as playwrights and as actors and have that experience that really helps you grow as an artist."



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Peaches, apples and blueberries ...



MONDEE TILLEY
STAFF REPORTER

In the summertime, there's nothing better than eating locally-grown fresh fruit and vegetables. Peaches, apples and blueberries are ripe and ready to be picked in the fall.

The trees are hanging full of fruit at Ayers' Orchard in Cana, Va. Delilah Brady-Ayers stood on her porch Tuesday afternoon cutting up peaches, handing them to Debbi Koebitz of Winston-Salem, who drove up with her daughters Kimberly Ferraro of Elkin and Kelly Rutter, also of Winston-Salem.

"I still have some I canned two years ago," said Rutter of the peaches she got at Ayers' Orchard. She said her grandparents taught her the tradition of coming to the orchard each year, picking their own fruit and canning peaches.

Ferraro was a first-time peach picker. She said the taste of the fruit at Ayers' Orchard is unmatched.

"I like that they don't spray a lot of pesticides on the fruit here. This is also a very cost effective way to buy fruit. I don't know of any grocery store that would let you taste the fruit before you buy it," said Ferraro.

Rutter has fond memories of coming to the orchard with her grandparents as a child.

"It's also just about the experience of coming up here and picking your own. We used to bring our lunches in a paper bag. This is just a great memory for me," said Rutter.

Orchard owner Donald Ayers is a fourth-generation fruit grower. He's been in business for 35 years. He has 65 acres of apples, 20 acres of peaches, four acres of cherries and one acre of plums.

"It's a little off the beaten path, but once people come here they love it and they keep coming back," said Ayers. He said he doesn't advertise and through word of mouth alone, he has grown a 6,000-person mailing list.

Ayers said he has had a "very blessed year" with an abundant crop this season.

"To be a successful farmer, your wife has to be interested in the business," said Ayers.

To get to Ayers Orchard from Mount Airy, drive up North Main Street, which turns into Wards Gap Road and just follow the signs.

During the week, the orchard is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the folks there suggest visitors call before they come on Saturdays and Sundays because the hours vary. The orchard is open from May until November.

are ready in the fall



At Fletcher's Blueberry Farm, at 2154 Noah Hayes Road, State Road, between 30 to 35 gallons of berries are ready to be picked each day. Owners Charles and Betty Fletcher let people pick their own berries for \$6 a gallon, or they sell already picked berries for \$12 a gallon. The farm is open six days a week and is closed on Sunday. It is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

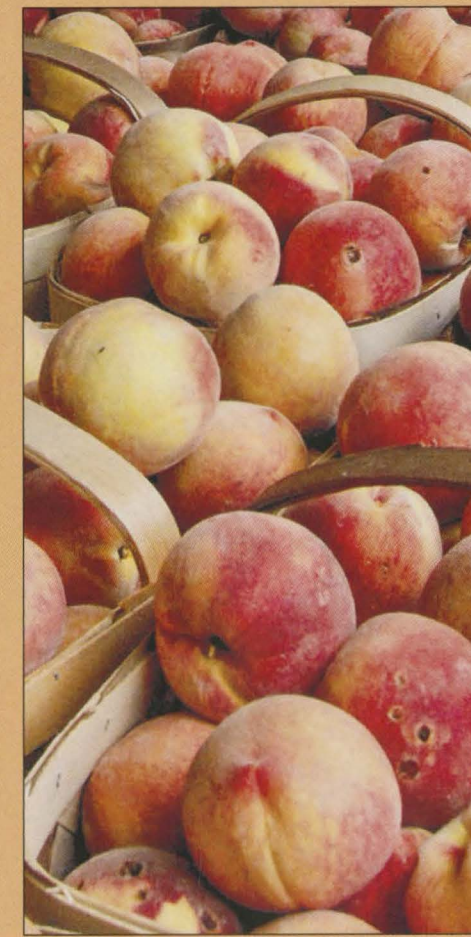
Charles Fletcher said he bought 350 blueberry bushes from a man in Winston-Salem 17 years ago and he's been growing and selling them every year since. He said the fruit will keep coming in for the next 10 weeks. He said the fruit is popular with the ladies who want to make pies and cobbles, and others freeze the fruit to eat as a snack or blend into smoothies.

The farm has been open about 14 days so far this year.

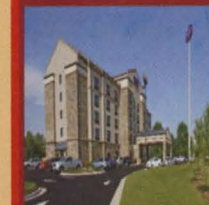
"It's something to see. Won't nobody believe it. It's really got the berries out there this year. We got twice what we normally have," said Charles Fletcher.

For those who want to pick their own peaches or apples, Levering Orchard is open for business on weekends. Frank Levering is more well-known for the 44 varieties of cherry available for picking in the spring, but with the hot dry summer, he has now moved into selling peaches and summer apples.

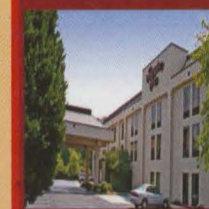
The orchard is open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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