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**'Honest Apple' Day Oct. 21
Event celebrates heritage fruit, includes contests, fun**

Sanpete County's Native Wines will once again pay homage to one of its favorite ingredients during the 7th annual Honest Apple day Saturday, Oct. 21.

Numerous kinds of heirloom apples will be available for sampling, along with homemade apple pies, apple cider, apple butter and apple wine. There will also be a witch contest, poetry, musical performances, wine and cheese testing's, an apple pie contest and more.

The fall event has become an annual tradition of Native Wines, a Mt. Pleasant company owned by Bob Sorenson and Winnie Wood. Located in a historic building at 72 South 500 West near downtown Mt. Pleasant, Native Wines is renowned for making unfiltered wine. Sorenson and Wood use fruits that are picked from wild trees and shrubs in the mountains and valleys of central Utah in their products, including apples.

Honest Apple Days runs from noon to 6 p.m at Native Wines. The festivities get underway with the symbolic "splitting of the apple" at 12 p.m by Jeffrey Berke, the event's "highly distinguished poet laureate." Mark Cantor will be master of ceremonies for the day.

There will be an "Ugliest Witch in the West" contest, with cash prizes being awarded for both children and adults. People may sign up for the contest at Country Squire, 74 W. Main Street in Mt. Pleasant.

The "World's Best Apple Pie" contest will be held in the afternoon, with more than \$200 in cash prizes to be awarded. Pies must be entered by 3 p.m. for judging. Other Honest Apple events include the "Crowning of the New Princess Pomona" and Live Irish Folk Music featuring "Last Night's Fun."

Apple goods of all kinds will be available for sampling and purchase throughout the day, and the owners of the local restaurant, Loose Caboose, will also be on hand selling refreshments. Some of the varieties of apples that will be available that day include Fameuse, Pinora, Samsou, Wolf River, Cinnamon Spice, Cameo, Goldrush, Goldblush, Hawaii, Winesap Wagner, and Ozark Gold.

For more information on Honest Apple Day, phone Native Wines at (435) 462-9261. Information is also available online at <http://www.nativewines.net>

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