

# PAOLA FARMERS MARKET

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## **Happy Memorial Weekend**

**We all need to stop and reflect on what this weekend is all about. A "Veteran" -- whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."**

From those of us at the Paola Farmers' Market we wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the service veterans. What you have given and are continuing to give this country, will never be equaled and never be forgotten.

On Memorial Day at 1PM there will be a Combat Veteran's Monument Dedication at Paola's beautiful memorial garden. Those honored will be Miami County soldiers who have earned: (a) the Silver Star; (b) Distinguished Flying Cross, (c) Air Force Cross, (d) Navy Cross, (e) Distinguished Service Cross, (f) French Legion of Merit. Everyone is invited to a reception following this dedication at the Paola VFW at 200 West Delaware. Please bring your own chairs. There will be music by the Kansas City St. Andrews Pipes and Drums.

For more information please call 294-1111.

## **The Sun Finally Came Out!!!!**

Yes can you believe we finally had a good day for the Market. It is like when the sun came out so did our customers. Last Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day. A special "Thank You" to Judy Minden, Bart Martley and Mr. Endicott for their fine music. They were followed by Patty and Ron Reed with a special guest Betty who played some real soggy bottom country music. I tried to get Leland and Slina Prothe to lead us in a little country swing but Slina couldn't get Leland off his stool and out there to strut his stuff for us.

For those of you who were wondering yes I made it through Graduation on Saturday night. And yes there were a lot of tears. Those tears were not only because I was so proud of my grandson Taylor Duncan but also tears for those grandparents who couldn't be there. You see I went to school with Nathan Laudon's grandmother Jane Cowin and ate many meals with his great grandparents Don and Nadine Reed. All are deceased now and I know they are looking down from heaven on Nathan and oh so proud!! Tears for my dear friend Mary Ann Peterson who has been robbed of her memory due to Alzheimer's of all the things I know she is so proud of her granddaughter Sydney Peterson. So for all those grandparents who couldn't be there for your grandchild I was there and ever so proud of all these kids. Good luck to the Seniors of 2011 and may you always be HAPPY.

## **Entertainment this Week**

This week we will have some very fine young talent. Elizabeth Ragan will perform from 9-10am. Elizabeth is 11 years old. She has been singing and performing for the last five years. She is an award winner of The Arts program for singing and acting. She sings songs that she has written herself along with current music and theater show tunes. Elizabeth comes to us from Olathe Kansas.

Also performing will be Isaac (age 12) and Ian (age 8) Heid from 10-11am. They are local young talents from here in Paola. Maybe they can even get Lisa to stay and sing a couple songs with them. So come and hear how talented our young people are. So please stop by our hospitality table, have a free cup of coffee and pastry with us and just say "Hi".

## Vendor Highlights –

Did you catch the front page of the Miami Republic last Friday. There she was working away, our very own **Terri Weiss**. Whether its making her loom rugs or bottle covers we can always count on Terri to be there with some good looking vegetables too.

We had some beautiful tomato and pepper starts this last week brought to us by **Connie Johnson**. Lots of fresh leaf lettuce from **Dan Campbell's** garden while the **Silver's** and **Beverlin's** brought us home grown fresh beef, pork and chicken. Of course there were the fresh pecans and walnuts for baking that the **Prothe's** always bring. I'll bet **Slina** can bake a mean pecan pie. I will have to hit her up for a recipe to feature.

While we are baking let's stop by and get some fresh eggs from **Ralph Reese**, **Dan Campbell** or any of the other vendors selling them. And speaking of baked breads **Gene Jesberg** always has "Mama" bake up some of that ever so light homemade breads. He even brings the jellies and jams to put on the bread. Or have you tasted one of **Helen White's** apple pies. They are to die for.

OK if baking isn't your cup of tea, then how about checking your thumb to see if it is green. **Julie Perez** brings beautiful flowers each week for you to plant in your back yard. And amongst the flowers check out the bricks, bird houses or decorative lawn ornaments that **Delores Day** brings. Then all you grandparents stop by and buy that granddaughter of yours some pretty hair berets or even a tutu from **Tisha Sherman**.

This last week we even had Anita Cox at the Market giving out information on the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland Art Guild Miniatures Art Show which will be held 6/27-7/30/11 at the Miami County Historical museum. Last year was my first year to attend. It is truly amazing to someone who has trouble drawing a straight line on how tiny these paintings are and so beautiful. Bill White also shows his painting abilities in his water colors.



Gene Jesberg and Ralph Reese



A customer checking out those tomato plants.



That beautiful quilt we are raffling off.

## **COMING THIS WEEK – May 28th**

### **Produce –**

**Lettuce  
Radishes  
Onions**

**Salad Greens  
Fresh Herbs  
Eggs**

**Shriners will have bags of sweet onions**

### **Baked Items, Jams & Jellies**

**Honey  
Apple Butter  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Artesian Breads**

**Jellies  
Homemade Breads  
Homemade candies**

**Homemade Egg Noodles  
Jams  
Baked Goods**

### **CRAFTS**

**Hair Clips  
Wood Crafts  
Photography  
Hypertuffa  
Ragtime Quilts  
Loom Rugs**

**Beach Towels  
Lanterns  
Fresh Cut Flowers  
Garden stones  
Lavender Sachets**

**Aprons  
Metal Products & Decor  
Votive candle holders  
Garden Bricks  
Wind Chimes**

**Rose of Sharon starts  
Peperomia house plants**

I am expecting many new vendors this year as the produce comes on. Come by, take a look, have a cup of coffee and doughnut hole or pastry with us and just enjoy the beautiful Paola Square along with your neighbors. Sit, visit and enjoy the children singing for your pleasure.

## **Recipe of the Week**

Last Friday Tom and I were invited to the McGee's house for Patty's famous liver and onions, and chicken strips for those who do not care for liver. But let me tell you that folks can turn their noses up to even the smell of liver but we can testify by telling you Patty is one good cook and were these ever good. Patty also served these appetizers which I will share with you as our recipe of the week.

### **Asparagus with Wasabi Dip**

3 pounds of thin Asparagus – Blanch for 1 minute in salted water – Drain and pat dry – Chill

Whisk together the rest of these ingredients and serve as the dip

1 cup mayo

4 tsp soy sauce

1 ½ tsp sugar

2 tsp lemon juice

2 tsp wasabi paste (you may substitute wasabi powder also)

## **Raffle**

This year my sister Tracie Clary made a gorgeous quilt for raffling off and donating the money to the Heads Up Inc. This would make a beautiful addition to your bedroom or a super gift for anyone. Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.

Last Saturday the Heads Up group participated in the EMS day at the hospital where they fitted helmets on kids, hopefully making them aware of how important they are.

## **Market and the Community**

Our market welcomes and encourages community involvement. We reserve a complimentary stall every week for any church, civic organization, non-profit etc. to have the opportunity to introduce themselves, conduct approved fundraising or just increase their presence in the community.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**I am working constantly on entertainment for the Farmers Market so if you know someone you would like to hear please have them call Debbi Duncan at 913-731-6870.**

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