

PAOLA FARMERS MARKET

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Hello everyone,

Time to start those seeds in the window....

I wanted to drop you all a note and tell you that we have started working hard to provide you with a Farmers Market that all will want to join us at. We have set the dates May 18th thru September 21st. Our website has been updated with what we have planned for now. Registration forms are out there and ready for you to start filling out.

www.paolafarmersmarket.org I am told the Roots Festival is August 23 & 24th. That is the only Saturday that we plan to not have market. So pass the word.

Mike Hursey wrote a very good article a few weeks ago for the Miami Co Republic about Farmers Market. I hope you all had a chance to read. It touched on eating local and meeting the local growers of the produce you eat. Let's just hope Mother Nature helps us out a little more this year. Also we will be meeting with the Newspaper next Friday to get our Opening Article in the paper. So be watching for it!

On May 25th we are planning a national egg day. We will be selling egg sandwiches and will have demonstrations on the benefits of home grown vs. your store bought. The 4H Poultry Club- Birds of a Feather will be there having a Bake Sale and running some children's games, like a race with egg on spoon. They will also have some of their own chickens there to tell you all about. We also hope to have baby chicks for sale, and hopefully some butchered ones too for eating. It is going to be loads of fun.

We also have to advertise a little better and find some good cooks for our Chef Cook-off. If you know a restaurant owner or someone who just enjoys cooking we will furnish the veggies and meat if needed. This is such a fun way to raise money for our Raffle

and do some fun taste testing.

As Cancer has touched so many of our friends and family in the past year we felt that this year we are going to be raising money for the Miami County Cancer Association. We hope to have a raffle gift for every month. I know that as my own father battled cancer last summer they were there with gas cards, lap throws, and rides to and from the doctor if someone in the family couldn't get time off from work. So we are going to try and do a little payback. Marla's grandson also battles daily with his fight with cancer.

I am looking for musicians to play in the gazebo also... They do need their own sound equipment as I do not have any. Just ask them to look at the calendar on the website and pick out what day they would like to sing. Send me a note with the dates of their choice and I will try and accommodate. I will be sending out letters to all the entertainers I know soon.

Can't wait to see you all.

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