



**WHO'S  
YOUR  
FARMER!!**

**Paola Farmers Market - 2013**

**7:30 to 11:00am**

**Performing in the Square on Saturday**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> will be**

**Grandma Alice Grandon**



Well as my grandchildren would say “Gma is Pumped today”. What a fantastic turnout for the market and we couldn’t of asked for a more beautiful day for the first day of the market. Not to hot – Vickie didn’t have to wear her long underwear, lots of vendors and lots of customers. The biscuits and gravy provided by the Lions Club was so good, pies that looked so yummy and plenty of tomato plants to buy for your own gardens. Fresh flowers could be found for planting in your own flower beds, lots of fresh eggs and more produce than we could sell. That is something we haven’t seen in awhile. Fresh strawberries, Peggy Kelley’s secret recipe provided by her own grandma of fudge for the tasting, , rhubarb, chard, lots of fresh herbs, spinach, onions, and lettuce. Fresh beef and fryers right out of the freezer was also parked on the square too.

Come hungry. There are always so many samples. Each merits a taste. Nibbling’s half the fun

I saw something I have never seen before. A truckload of asparagus. Mr. Hawes came with more asparagus than I have ever seen in one location. It was fresh and crisp, just what we all are looking for. Mr. Haas told me that he had an asparagus patch the size of a football field. Can you even imagine the work involved in keeping this up? So be sure and come down and check this out. If you need asparagus before next Saturday be sure and give him a call. 913-938-3651.

Just look as the quality of this asparagus and his onions.



## **ENTERTAINMENT**

First we had our own local radio station 89.7 FM KWJP playing music in the gazebo, then a little later Tracy Smith provided his own singing and guitar music. I sure hope they will both come back and provide us with more entertainment again in the future. Please check out our calendar if you are interested in joining our Saturday morning events.

## **COMING**

Next Saturday, May 25th, you have got to come to the market and check us out. Along with the freshest produce in town you will find us Celebrating “Love your Chicken and Egg Day”. We have so much planned for educating and creating a fun time for you and your family.

First of all the one and only Alice Grandon will be providing the entertainment that day with her accordion playing around the square. She will play such songs as the “Chicken Song”, Macerena, Hokie Pokie and many more old time favorites for singing and dancing to. Only Alice can bring her charm and wit to a group in the unique way she does. And believe me her grandchildren and great grandchildren will back me in saying that.

Next we have the “Birds of a Feather” 4H poultry group. The children will show you what types of eggs come from what types of chickens or even ducks I believe. Please ask them questions about their birds and you will be overwhelmed in how much these children know. The kids will also be sponsoring egg races, maybe a scavenger hunt, and the one I am waiting for is the “Crowing contest”. Can they make a rooster crow on command? If you have a rooster and want to join in you are free to join the kids. LOL The youngsters will also be bringing a Bake Sale to the market. They are trying to raise money for new cages at the fairgrounds for the fair. Come and lets show our support to these hard working kids.

Now for the FOOD!!! Mike Hursey will be cooking up egg sandwiches while his son, Josh Hursey (who is the chef at Life Care Center in Osawatomie and a personal favorite cook of mine) is cooking up omelet’s from the vendors fresh produce and homegrown eggs for breakfast. This morning I had some of my kids come by and a very good friend and we whooped up some omelets from

mushrooms, fresh asparagus, and fresh spinach that I bought from the market yesterday.

Also joining us will be Alex and Troy from the Miami County Farm Tour doing egg demonstration at market next Saturday.

We will have all the fresh Miami County eggs we can squeeze out of our range free chickens, baby chickens to purchase, fresh frozen chickens raised right here in our own communities for you to purchase. I even heard yesterday there may be some live rabbits for sale too. This week we even had a couple of goats for sale.

Wanna make an old fashion fishing pole well check with Karl Armstrong who sells fine bamboo sticks for fishing poles or whatever else you might like to use them for.

A huge Thank you to everyone who joined us on Opening Day. I love you all and enjoy visiting with you every chance I get. If we are interrupted by a beckon for my services please don't think me rude I am just a flighty person. LOL

Debbi

Don't forget our website for all the latest happenings at the Market and watch in the Spring of 2013 for all the Registration Forms for next year. You can also find some pretty good recipes out there.

[www.paolafarmersmarket.org](http://www.paolafarmersmarket.org)

**Hope to see you all next year at the Paola Farmers Market**