

# Fair Grove Farmers Market opens with expanded hours

Bedding plants, vegetables and take-home dinners available on opening day of market.

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FAIR GROVE — The Fair Grove Farmers Market will open its 2005 season at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday on the grounds of the historic Wommack Mill downtown.

The market will have expanded hours this year, opening at 3:30 p.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday, through October, according to Peggy Schletty, market director.

"One of the most exciting parts of this season will be the addition of a Saturday morning market, that will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. beginning April 30," Schletty said.

"The Saturday market will be held one-half block north of the Wednesday market, just north of the Bank of Bolivar." Schletty says that signs will make the new market location easy to find.

Schletty says the other part of the excitement surrounding the market is the addition of great food at both markets.

For the Wednesday market, KanHackit Kitchens will be serving everything from hot dogs to inexpensive dinners that will change each week.

"Ray Hacket, owner of KanHackit Kitchens, has promised for the first week to serve a fresh shrimp dinner

that will be a delightful way to kick off the season," said Schletty.

Schletty also said that the Rusty Spur Chuckwagon Company will be serving biscuits and gravy, fresh, hot coffee, muffins and juice beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturdays.

"There will be plenty of fresh vegetables and products to choose from this week, including cool season vegetables like spinach, lettuce, radishes and onions," said Schletty.

"Also available that first week will be perennial flowers and annual bedding plants and seeds.

"Many of the plants are organically grown for those shopping for organic products," Schletty said.

"We will also have several new vendors joining us at the market this year."

The Fair Grove Farmers Market was the second-place winner for the 2004 Missouri Farmers Market of the Year Award and was also second place-winner in 2003.

The market is located at the southeast corner of Missouri 125 and Main Street. The Saturday market is located one block north of 125 on Main Street.

For more information, contact Schletty at 759-7277.

