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## Heart of Ohio Farmers' Market Seeking Vendors for 2024 Season

Centerburg, OH – The Heart of Ohio Farmers' Market is currently seeking vendors for the 2024 season. With a kickoff date of June 6, lots of planning goes into effect to launch a successful market. Currently the market is accepting vendors who produce a consumable product within a 25-mile radius of Centerburg. The market is also taking applications from handcrafted artisans.

The Heart of Ohio Business Association (HOBA) will host the markets while Katie Hux, will serve as the Market Manager with the support of the market committee. The Village of Centerburg strongly embraces the Farmers' Market, allowing the use of Bell Park as the focal point location. Katie Hux stated, "if there is enough interest of vendors, we will utilize the area across the street to expand and offer even more vendors". HOBA and the Farmers' Market Committee are excited to begin a full season as last year was just a sample of what is yet to come. The 2023 market was held from August-October and the 2024 season will begin June 6 through September 26, held on consecutive Thursday evenings, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Bell Park is located at the corner of E Main and N Clayton Streets across from the Village Gazebo.

Application information can be obtained from the Burg Café, Park National Bank (Centerburg) and the Village Hall or by emailing [heartofohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:heartofohiofarmersmarket@gmail.com) Applications will be accepted through February 19 and vendors selections will be announced February 22. Mandatory "Good Agricultural Practices" (GAP) training will be held for all produce vendors on March 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ramser Activity Center located in Mount Vernon. This training is sponsored by OSU Extension-Knox County. Another required training will include a "New Vendor" meeting scheduled for March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. All market vendors will be in attendance to discuss guidelines and to ask any questions. A representative from a local insurance company will be present to briefly discuss liability insurance.

The Heart of Ohio Farmers Market has a tagline that states "grown local and sold fresh". The market committee strives to locate vendors who can provide a variety of fresh and locally grown meat and produce. You may follow the Heart of Ohio Farmers Market on Facebook.