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Hastings, MI - The growing season is underway, and the Hastings Farmers Market will bring the best the season has to offer to the community beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 23, on the Barry County Courthouse lawn.

The market is slated to run every Saturday through October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse lawn, a change from previous years when it was in the Tyden Park parking lot.

"We're really excited about the changes to the Hastings Farmers Market this year," said John Hart, City of Hastings Community Development Director. "We are working to create a vibrant community market in downtown Hastings."

Hart said another new feature at this year's Hastings Farmers Market will be family-friendly activities and events the first Saturday of each month.

"We hope to have groups and organizations there to give demonstrations and talk to people about the ways they can use the foods they find at the Farmers Market," he said. "We plan to have music and activities to make it a real community event the first weekend of each month."

The market will have a minimum of eight vendors each week with flowers, fruits and vegetables. Crafters also will be at the market this year with high-quality, handmade goods.

To help support the Hastings Farmers Market, there is a Friends of the Hastings Farmers Market initiative. Hart said the Friends of the Market will allow people to become involved in the Farmers Market without becoming vendors.

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