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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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SUBJECT: Opening Day of Joplin Farmers Market set for Saturday, June 2

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Joplin Farmers Market provides area citizens with a great opportunity to support local vendors. This year plans have been made for the Market to open on Saturday, June 2. The Market will be located on the northeast corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Joplin Street intersection. It will be set up in the southern end of City Hall parking lot, just west of Sherwin Williams. Parking is available in the lot.

Three vendors are planned for opening day, with future plans for three vegetable vendors, a meat vendor, a baked goods vendor, and a fruit vendor to all participate in the market by mid-June.

"We know how much our citizens appreciate having the local farmers market, and we're glad that we can offer it this year," said Michelle Tessman, coordinator for the market. "We are hopeful that the market will continue to grow."

The Farmers Market will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the summer. Citizens are encouraged to stop by and support local vendors.

If interested in participating in the Farmers Market, the seasonal fee is \$50 per vendor. Items sold must be grown in Missouri. For more information contact Michelle Tessman at 417-625-4750.

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