Clemson farmers market opening set for today

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CLEMSON — Visitors to the Clemson Farmers Market will have an opportunity to purchase fresh, locally grown vegetables as well as learn how to live a healthy life when the market officially opens for the 2016 season today at Patrick Square.

The event, which is held weekly through the fall, will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Last year, we had 19 vendors for opening day, and this year, we have 30," said farmers market manager Kathi Dimmock. "For the Healthy Living Expo last year, we had 12, and this year, there are 20. We invite the public to come out and hear vendors say how their products come to our market."

Dimmock said the vendors would offer fresh, locally grown produce, farm products, specialty food items and handmade arts and crafts.

The second annual Healthy Living Expo will feature businesses and organizations whose mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle and both activities will take place on Patrick Square's Village Green on Issaqueena Trail.

"Adding events such as the Healthy Living Expo helps keep shopping at the Market exciting as well as expanding our role in the community," Dimmock said.

Having the market located on the Patrick Square village green, Dimmock points out, provides the perfect gathering spot for families and individuals alike.

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Fresh, locally grown produce, farm products, specialty food items and handmade arts and crafts are available at the Clemson Farmers Market. The market opens today from 3-6 p.m. on the Patrick Square village green and will continue to operate each Friday through the fall.

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"We will offer a variety of family-friendly activities including live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, a giant inflatable for the kids, hands-on activities, exhibits and demonstrations and free market shopping bags," Dimmock said. "We're making it a great community spot."

Val and Katie, from Friends Farm and Catering, will provide cooking demonstrations and the Sweet Potato Pie Kids will be on hand for musical performances from 5-5:45 p.m.

"There's something for everyone to see and enjoy," Dimmock said.

A complete 2016 market schedule or vendor guidelines, application and forms can be obtained at clemsonfarmersmarket.org/ or by contacting Dimmock at (864) 654-3918 or kathi.dimmock@att.net.

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