

all events are Fridays during the Market from 9am to 1pm unless noted otherwise

Feb 15 SATURDAY 9am-noon **Grow More Vegetables Workshop**. IFM office \$15 at the door, rsvp independencefarmersmarket@gmail.com, snow date Feb 22

March 1- SATURDAY 9am-noon **Pest, Disease, Fertility & Irrigation**. IFM office \$15 at the door, rsvp independencefarmersmarket@gmail.com, snow date March 8

March 28-**Pre-season Vendor Meeting and potluck**, 1908 Courthouse auditorium, 11am-2pm

April 18-**Preview Market**, get an early peek at the Market this year! Shop locally for Easter.

May 2- **Grand Opening, Mother's Day Craft Fair and Fiber Day**, IFM Kids Bucks begin early! \$5 to the 1st 20 kids 12 and under.

June 7-**1st Friday Cooking Days** are back! Guest chefs cook local products. Free samples, donations appreciated.

June 20-**Kids Day**. Free and safe activities for kids of all ages. \$10 of Healthy Kids Bucks to the first 30 Kids to Ms. Andrea's tent. Rain date June 27

July 4- Town of Independence Parade and festivities-**MARKET CLOSED!**

July 11-**Wellness Day**. Join area health professionals for free information on staying healthy. \$10 of Healthy Kids Bucks to the first 30 Kids to Ms. Andrea's tent.

July 18- **Berry Festival**. Berry Dessert Contest and Sorbet fundraiser. Sorbet will be available by the frozen pint as a fundraiser for the Market.

August 1-**Tomato Day**-Free Tomato tasting, Salsa Contest and the Monster Tomato contest. \$10 of Healthy Kids Bucks to the first 30 Kids to Ms. Andrea's tent.

Friday, August 8 & Saturday August 10, 10 am -7pm - **Grayson County Fair, Bottomley's Evergreens, Elk Creek**. Entries accepted Wednesday Aug 6 3-7pm

August 3-9 **National Farmers Market Week**.

August 15- **Christmas in August Craft Fair**. Support local artisans and shop local

September 5-**1st Friday Cooking Day AND NEW Garlic Festival**- We'll be featuring garlic in cooking and have mini sessions on growing garlic, and a garlic tasting. Donations appreciated.

September 12-**Apple Festival**- Apple Pie contest, IFM Cider fundraiser.

September 19-**Pepper Day**-free pepper tasting

October 3- **Squashtober and last Cooking Day**. Guest Chef cooks the vast array of winter and summer squash. Free samples, donations appreciated.

October 10-**Last Market Day**

November 21- 11am to 2pm- **Thanksgiving Market**. IFM Kids Bucks are back!

November 28- 11am to 2pm-**1st Winter Market and Chili Cook-off**. IFM Kids Bucks are back!

December 6-Saturday, 11 am to 2pm-**2nd Winter Market, Free Market Christmas Shop, Town Christmas Parade and festivities.** IFM Kids Bucks are back!

For more information, please contact Michelle at 276-768-0597 or independencefarmersmarket@gmail.com