



February 2026

To Our Community Supporters,

The 2026 Farmers Market season will officially open on Thursday, May 7th, from 3-6:30 pm. We are pleased to have such a visible presence right in the heart of Libby at the Asa Wood School property.

The Farmers Market at Libby was founded in the Spring of 2019, with the mission to provide a place for local farmers, artists and craftspeople to connect directly with the local community. Over the past several years, the market has grown tremendously. Our 2025 season averaged over 800 visitors per week with well over 1,000 visitors during the busiest part of the summer. The market continues to grow with 70+ vendors. This year, we will continue to expand and enhance the market for its vendors and customers, while also promoting the benefits and opportunities for food assistance programs such as SNAP and the Senior Nutrition Program.

The Market is entirely managed by volunteers, with our board members and several market volunteers dedicating much time and effort to this important community event. As the market continues to grow, annual expenses to keep it flourishing grow as well. We are committed to providing excellent service to visitors during the markets, first-rate marketing for our vendors (signage, banners, ads, etc.), financial support for community members (SNAP, SFMNP), and top-quality management, planning and structure to ensure the market continues to thrive. Financial support from our sponsors is critical to our success!

The Kootenai Harvest Festival (KHF) began in 2015 and is put on by the Farmers Market at Libby. The KHF celebrates all things *local* in the Kootenai region: locally grown food, local crafters, local businesses and entertainment, ... all while celebrating positive growth in our community and showcasing what is possible with our own local resources. Last year's KHF was a huge success and a wonderful day for the whole community. Consider being a part of the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Kootenai Harvest Festival by sponsoring this empowering community event!

**We are asking for monetary donations from local sponsors to keep these two important community events growing & thriving. We appreciate any amount that you are able to give. Please consider a donation to support our local economy and community!**

The Farmers Market at Libby is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and as such, your sponsorships are tax deductible and greatly appreciated! As we are able, we are committed to thanking our wonderful sponsors in a variety of ways. These may include Logo/Business name listed on our website with a link to your website, Logo on Market Welcome Banner and Harvest Festival Welcome Banner, receive complimentary Friends of the Market buttons and market bag, Facebook/Instagram Shout Outs, verbal shout out at the Harvest Festival or Market, etc.

Sincerely,

The Farmers Market at Libby Board of Directors