



February 15, 2025

To Our Community Supporters,

The 2025 Farmers Market season will officially open on Thursday, May 1st, from 3-6:30 pm. The Farmers Market at Libby has undergone some big changes in the past few months:

- We are now independent from the Libby Chamber of Commerce and have formed our own Board of Directors and 501c(3) Corporation.
- We have a new address, phone number, email, and website (see below). Please contact us anytime with questions.
- Our new location for the 2025 season will be the **corner of Idaho and Highway 2 in front of the Asa Wood Building**. We are excited to have such a visible and central location for this season!

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 2024 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. This year especially, the market has incurred many additional expenses as we move forward as an independent entity with a brand-new location. 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 began in 2015 and 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 Kootenai Harvest Festival was a huge success and a wonderful day for the whole community. Consider being a part of the 11th 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!

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