

Bounty returns to Academy Building lawn

By Jolene Guzman
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DALLAS — May brings flowers — and baked goods, fresh vegetables and other goodies — when Polk County Bounty Market opens Thursday in Dallas.

This year is the seventh season of the weekly farmers market and the biggest in terms of the number of vendors committed to being there every week.

“We have a lot of new vendors,” said Bonnie Dreier, market manager. “We’ve got, right now, 15 confirmed vendors to start opening day. However, I’ve been getting applications in daily, so that number will definitely climb.”

Fourteen vendors have committed to sell full season, while others will come in later when their crops are in season.

Growth in the market is in part due to Bounty Market’s unique insurance policy, which covers craft vendors so they don’t have to carry policies required by other markets in the area.

Dreier said the market lost eight vendors last year to the new insurance requirement that many sellers couldn’t afford.

Another part of the growth has come from re-recruiting. Dreier has been busy making calls to local farms to see if they would like to sell at Bounty Market. That paid off.



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Polk County Bounty Market offers an assortment of vegetables, fruits and crafts.

“We will have a great core base this year,” Dreier said.

Four food trucks are among the full season vendors, and they will be allowed to stay open after the market officially closes at 3 p.m. Dreier said any other vendors will be welcome to stay after hours, as well.

Chelsea Metcalfe, the executive director of the Dallas Area Visitors Center, said vendors are interested to see if the dinner crowd will stop and shop the market when picking up supper at places such as Black Rock Barbecue and El Pique.

Staying open later hasn’t proven successful in other seasons, but some vendors

may be willing to give it another shot.

“We are looking forward to that and hopeful that people will stop by and we get that good dinner crowd going so that the vendors can see that people are stopping and shopping,” Metcalfe said.

In June, kids activities will begin, provided by Family Building Blocks and Community Action Head Start on alternating weeks. Live music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature local band Cash & Company and fiddler Truman Price, also on alternating weeks.

Bounty Market will be open the week of Summer-

Polk’s Bounty

What: Polk County Bounty Market

When: Thursdays May 5 through Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Academy Building grounds at the corner of Main and Academy streets in Dallas.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/bountymarket/>.

fest on July 28 and at Art in Park during Summerfest on July 31. A “community preparedness fair” featuring insurance providers, Dallas police and fire departments, and Monmouth’s FiftyFifty3 Tactical will be July 7.

Dreier said the market still is taking sponsors, vendors and entertainers.

“We have a big market; we can grow it,” Dreier said. “We can hold twice as many as we’ve got right now.”

Perrydale loses preschool, field

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PERRYDALE — Perrydale School District may have to suspend its preschool program for the next school year due to space concerns.

“We have not fully determined that we won’t have a preschool program yet,” said Superintendent Eric Milburn. “At this point it doesn’t look promising.”

The school has to shuffle classes because it will have to remove a modular unit used at the music room off the campus. Those classes will have to be moved to the space used for the preschool.

The issue was discovered when the school asked for a lot line adjustment to accommodate the building of a new parking lot at the school. Through that process, the school found the modular was partially sitting on land that didn’t belong to the school. Moving fully onto the property would have it sitting awkwardly in the middle of a parking, a safety concern for the school, Milburn said.

Milburn said there are nine students in preschool now. The program is not paid for by the state; Perrydale charges tuition.

Board member Trina Comerford said district should form a committee to research ways to bring preschool back in the future. She said someday the state may require districts to provide preschool, so it could be beneficial to be ahead of the curve.

“We’ve provided a preschool for a lot of years in

The Perrydale Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday evening has been canceled.

Superintendent Eric Milburn said the committee reviewed and OK’d the budget at its first meeting on April 28.

The Perrydale School Board will provide final approval in June.

For more information: 503-623-2040.

the Perrydale community, and it’s been a fantastic thing,” she said. “We are a unique school. Why can’t we maintain uniqueness? Why can’t we provide education to 3 and 4 year olds, if there is a way we can do it?”

Milburn said a committee will be formed to look into options for offering preschool in the future.

The aforementioned parking lot project is behind another issue. It is going to be built on what is now the middle school softball field. That has potential Title IX ramifications for the district if a plan to replace it isn’t in the works, said Dan Dugan, the district’s athletic director.

Dugan said Perrydale also has the option of dropping both middle school baseball and softball and funneling all athletes to track.

Dugan said the school has a potential location for a new field and next year, both teams can play on the baseball field temporarily. He said the cost to build a new field is unknown at this point.

“It does not have to be done next year,” Dugan said. “If we have a plan in place, we are good.”

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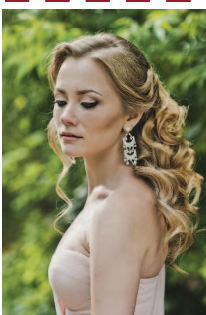
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