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HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET AND WELLNESS FAIR

BOONE COUNTY- The Boone County Health Department is hosting a Farmers' Market and Wellness Fair this summer at 1204 - 1212 Logan Ave. in Belvidere on Tuesday, July 16th. This event has been planned through a partnership with the Boone County Administration, the City of Belvidere, Gallagher Williams-Manny, and Community Action Agency of Boone & Winnebago Counties. It has been sponsored by OSF Healthcare, BetterLife Wellness, MercyHealth, your Belvidere Illinois Walmart, Fiesta Market, and General Mills, Inc.

- 9:00 to 3:00 local farmers will be selling a variety of fruits and vegetables
- 10:00 to 2:00 over thirty community organizations and businesses will be on hand with booths, activities for the kids and giveaways for the whole family including exercise and fitness tips and FREE blood pressure screenings
- 10:00 to 2:00 the Belvidere Fire Department will be here to do FREE car seat safety checks
- 11:00 to 1:00 FREE box lunches for kids age 1 – 18 provided by the USDA Summer Food Program and the Community Action Partnership (while supplies last)
- 10:00 to 3:00 the Rock River Blood Center bus will be on site. To schedule a time to donate blood, call 815-544-9730

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There will be free drawings starting at 1:30 with some great prizes including gift cards and passes for local attractions. You have the opportunity to participate in one of several drawings and need not be present to win.

“We have hosted a Farmers' Market for the past eleven years and the full Wellness Fair for the last four. The feedback from the community has been great”, says Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department's Public Health Administrator. “We are happy to expand the event this year to include even more wellness activities and educational opportunities for our Boone County families.”

For more information please contact the Boone County Health Department at (815) 544-9730.

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About The Boone County Health Department

The Boone County Health Department is a local health department committed to serving the health needs of its almost 54,000 residents. Established in 1966, we promote and protect the health of the people and the communities in Boone County, right here, where they live, work, learn and play.