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## **LAKE DESOTO FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES FIRST YEAR SUCCESS**

**LAKE CITY, FL** – This Saturday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Lake DeSoto Farmers Market** turns one year old. It was just one year ago that the best little market in Florida was born. Thanks to the commitment of the **City of Lake City Council**, the vision of **City Manager, Wendell Johnson** and the hard work of **Community Redevelopment Administrator Jackie Kite** and other City staff, the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market launched with much fanfare. This first year has been an incredible success which was helped along with the hiring of Market Manager **Melissa Gollery** with support from her husband **Brian**.

**Mayor Stephen M. Witt** will highlight the market's accomplishments at **9am** and serve birthday cupcakes to market customers. Market favorite, **Ted Wright**, will perform.

### **Lake DeSoto Farmers Market**

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8am to 12pm (spring/summer hours) in Wilson Park located along Lake DeSoto between the Columbia County Courthouse and Shands Lakeshore Hospital in downtown Lake City. Each week you'll see new vendors the Spring Harvest Season picks up the pace with as shoppers looking for healthy local foods and creative locally made gift items.

The Lake DeSoto Farmers Market is a project of the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The CRA plans to utilize one of its most important assets in the district, Lake DeSoto. It is the long term goal of the CRA to create a Waterfront Entertainment District surrounding Lake DeSoto, with Wilson Park highlighted as the premiere park in downtown for weekly community events. For more information about the Lake DeSoto Farmer Market call 386-719-5766 or visit [market.lcfla.com](http://market.lcfla.com).