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Discover September 2022 Farmers markets to fall in love with

By Angela LaRosa

The Courier

Who doesn't love a farmers market?

Not only are you introduced to unique products and in-season produce at the many local stands on offer in the 419, but you're also given an opportunity to support area farmers and small businesses directly.

As summer transitions into fall, area farmers markets are heading into the last leg of the outdoor market season. While some markets finished in August, some remain in operation into the fall, so look past conventional grocery stores and try shopping at these local venues.

Farmers markets

A list of every farmers market in the

419 area code would stretch far and wide, so here is a selection of offerings in the area to get you started.

• Hancock County Farmers Market is every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at the Marathon Center for Performing Arts festival grounds in downtown Findlay through October. A variety of vendors sell all manner of goods and fresh produce at the Findlay market each week.

 Arcadia Farmers Market is open every other Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 18974 State Route 12, from 4-6 p.m. Upcoming dates are September 6 and 20.

• Bluffton Farmers Market is open

every Saturday through October starting at 8:30

a.m. until noon at the Citizen's National Bank parking lot, 102 S. Main St.



Adam Kirian, of the Metzger's Farm Market, bags up some sweet corn at an August 2021 Arcadia Farmers Market. (KEVIN BEAN)

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• Fostoria Farmers and Artisans Market takes place on certain Thursdays and Saturdays at the green space at East Tiffin and South Main streets in Fostoria. Upcoming dates are Sept. 1 from 4-8 p.m. and Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Mt. Blanchard's Farmers Market saw fresh, local goods at Hurricane Park every week this summer from June 8– Aug. 31. Hosted by the Mt. Blanchard Beautification Committee, locals hope to see the village market's inaugural season followed up next year, and for many years to come. • Tiffin Seneca Farmers Market, located on Jefferson Street in downtown Tiffin, is open every Saturday through October from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Tiffin market now accepts SNAP Benefits, WIC Farmers Market Vouchers and vouchers from other programs, so everyone can enjoy what the market has to offer.

Farm stands

Along with the markets are local farm stands, subject to closing toward the end of the season.

• Wolfe's Produce is located at 11476 State Route 37 in Findlay. Along with seasonal produce, fresh-baked Amish goods are delivered every Wednesday,

• Metzger's Farm Market is regularly at the Hancock Farmers Market, but is also open Monday-Saturday at 23633 U.S. 224 in Alvada. The market features locally grown corn, melons and other produce.

• Red Barn Markets are located in Bluffton on State Route 103 and in Findlay on East Tiffin Avenue from Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3p.m. They have freshly-picked sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, peaches and honey available daily.



Dominick Miller, left, and Cale Young, both 13, work at the I Love Cupcakes booth at Mt. Blanchard's inaugural farmers market. (JEANNIE WILEY WOLF)



An area resident checks out some kale and other greens from Eduardo Sguerra and Wild Vine Farm, of Columbus Grove. (LOU WILIN)



Micah Brown of Pursuit Ministries and Entertainment creates a balloon-twisting creation at a 2021 Fostoria Farmers Market. (SCOTT COTTOS)

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Defending state champions looking for more success

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CAREY — At some point at the beginning of the new year, Carey coach Jonathon Mershman knew he and the team had to move on.

Amid the celebration, the jubilation from the Carey faithful around town, Carey and coach Mershman had to look toward next year.

The cupboard is certainly not bare, but it's

not exactly stacked with veterans and players with a ton of experience.

But in the end, the Division VI defending state champions will have a new look in 2022, but the expectations absolutely do not change, according to Mershman.

Carey has always been a football town, but winning the state title last season elevated that notion even more.

"Well, we did win state last year, so honestly it couldn't of gone any better for us," Mershman said with a smile. "It was a 15-1 season and it was a fantastic season. We got our stuff together after the Hopewell game and really in the second half with Galion and we just got on a roll and we kept getting better. We were really ready to play against Coldwater and I thought we finished the season with a real high note.

"We had 15 seniors from that team last year and every single one contributed in some way. It was a fantastic group and they certainly left some big holes out there now and we are looking to fill those for this season."

This year's team will have some new faces, but not all of them are exactly "new."

Mershman pointed to Lance Rickle as the likely starter at quarterback, but Carter Smiley and Alex Putnam are pushing him for that No. 1 spot.

The biggest thing Mershman acknowledged is that no spot is 6



given, everything is earned in Carey's program.

"Rickle did a good job of pushing (Derek) Lonsway last year and he made him better for sure," Mershman said. "We'll see how he does in the scrimmages and go from there."

He will have to try to replace Lonsway who threw for 1,237 yards and eight touchdowns, along with 1,359 yards on the ground with 13 TDs.

Among the many open positions for Mershman to fill would have to be at running back, where Jordan Vallejo – "The Winnebago" – took the N10 by storm last season. The 265-pound running back ran over, juked and spun his way to a state title and an amazing senior season for the Blue Devils.

Vallejo ended his year with 1,639 yards and 36 scores. He carried the ball 257 times.

Rickle is the leading rusher that returns as he tallied 43 carries for 434 yards and eight TDs.

"We're going to have to be different and adjust to what we have this year," Mershman said. "Right now we have Conner Norden, Nick Putnam, Landen Kemerley and Nathan Brodman in the mix there. We will have some rotation there at that position, but we'll find out who might take control of the spot."

Carey, who is certainly not known for throwing the ball all over the field, had big-play potential with Bryce Conti and Anthony Bell last season. Conti led the squad in receiving, with 28 grabs for 643 yards and four scores. Bell was a versatile player that could do pretty much anything and everything Mershman told him to do.

Mershman said Austin Niederkohr got a bit of playing time there last season and will be looked at to contribute, along with Jordan Mattimoe. He also said Putnam could see some time there as well. EJ Boes returns at tight end and Dom Yeater is another big-body tight end for the Blue Devils.

Yes, the skill players were absolutely key for the state title run, but the offensive line was the heart and soul of the team.

Mershman now has to replace four up front, including a Division I talent like Easton Korody.

"We got one back," Mershman said with a laugh. "We have to replace four, so we are definitely working on that. At times we did get banged up during the 16-game season, so some guys did get some experience, so guys like Matt Allomong got to play a little bit. I look forward to him stepping in and Mitch Boes and Jonah Peters are other guys we're looking at right now. There are others, but whoever is up there has some huge shoes to fill this year."

Mershman said it'll be a lot of the same names on the other side of the ball as he tries to replace more good players on the defensive side of the ball like Trennen Stoll and Drew Steen on the line.

Brodman (6 sacks) is back on the D-line as Mershman said he just got better and better as the season went along. Mershman said Ethan Bretz and Yeater are two other guys looking to step in, along with Boes (21 TFL).

Probably the most experience returns at linebacker as Gage Summit and Kemerley are back. Kemerley, who battled some injuries, led the N10 in tackles with 160, including 39 tackles for a loss and six sacks.

"So those guys played a significant role in our 3-4 defense last year," Mershman said. "We will miss some guys up front, but I think we have guys to try and fill those spots. It should be interesting."

The secondary will definitely be missing Conti, the all-Ohio corner, who led the N10 in interceptions with eight. Bell also picked off six passes.

"Rickle played a good chunk of time at safety last year and so did Smiley, so we got two safeties back," Mershman said. "We're looking for two corners, so we're looking at Mattimoe, Niederkohr and Doug

Pinkerton there right now.

"We just have some growing up to do and in a short time. I told someone the other day, I don't think the cupboard is bare, it's just going to be a different season. We have to get them seasoned and ready to go."

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Big Ten's expansion further damages Rose Bowl's status

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Playing in the Rose Bowl was the pinnacle of a college football career for those who coached and played in the Big Ten for decades.

The Rose Bowl's importance has been waning for years as college football's postseason evolved. The latest expansion by the Big Ten puts the future of the Pac-12, the conference's longtime Rose Bowl partner, in doubt and was another damaging blow to the Granddaddy of all the bowls.

"You have to adapt," former Wisconsin coach and athletic director Barry Alvarez said Tuesday at Big Ten media days in Lucas Oil Stadium. "When I got into the league, every kid that played in this league, your vision was play the Rose Bowl and win the Rose Bowl.

"It's not the same now. It's the CFP. It's get into the playoffs."

The future of the Rose Bowl as a showcase game, mostly featuring teams from Big Ten and Pac-12 on New Year's Day, was already murky as the College Football Playoff creeps toward what seems like an inevitable expansion from the current four-team format.

"The Rose Bowl will always be an important part of the Big Ten," said Alvarez, who now works for the conference as a special advisor to Commissioner Kevin Warren.

Now that the Big Ten has poached Southern California and UCLA from the Pac-12, it remains to be seen if the West Coast's Power Five conference will still be an important part of the Rose Bowl.

"I focus on the Big Ten," Alvarez said. "When we went through expansion (in the early 2010s) I was really happy that we were able to add my alma mater, Nebraska, into our league. I knew Nebraska in the Big Eight. There is no Big Eight. So things change. You have to go with the flow."

Warren said playoff talks with the other FBS commissioners will pick up again in September. Warren maintains he is a staunch advocate of expansion, but he was among a group of newer commissioners who stood in the way of early implementation of a 12-team format.

Alvarez said he is not sure what the best number should be for a playoff, but eight, 12 and 16 would all be intriguing, depending on the details of the format.

He also said the Big Ten should be open to considering expanding its own postseason when the league grows to 16 teams with USC and UCLA.

Maybe a four-team Big Ten tournament instead of just a championship game?

"That's something you're going to have to take a look at," Alvarez said.

IOWA RAISES

After winning the Big Ten West last season, all of Iowa's returning assistant coaches received raises.

The smallest increase went to offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz, head coach Kirk Ferentz's son. Brian Ferentz's salary went from \$860,000 to \$900,000, according to The Athletic.

The elder Ferentz was asked if the offense's lackluster performance — tied for 11th in the Big Ten in yards per play (4.67) — had any-thing to do with his son's relatively small bump in pay.

"Not necessarily. I think he's been compensated really well," Kirk Ferentz said. "Bottom line ... I feel like our staff, the numbers, there's reasons for everything we do, and we have private conversations regarding that. I feel like the staff salaries reflect levels of experience, contributions to the program.

"As a head coach, it's important to me that we're able to keep guys, retain guys, and hopefully it's an attractive place for them to work."

MICHIGAN CHANGES

Jim Harbaugh's return to Michigan after leading the Wolverines to a playoff berth and their first Big Ten title since 2004 was no slam dunk.

Harbaugh interviewed for the Minnesota Vikings' head coaching job after Michigan's season and ultimately was not offered the job.

While the former Michigan quarterback is back for his eighth season as head coach, both coordinators from last year's team have moved on.

Mike Macdonald returned to working for Harbaugh's brother with the Baltimore Ravens as defensive coordinator, and Josh Gattis took a job with Miami as offensive coordinator.

Harbaugh looked to the Ravens for another defensive coordinator. Jesse Minter was defensive coordinator at Vanderbilt last season after spending four seasons with the Ravens. Harbaugh said when he hired Macdonald before last season he had also considered Minter, who will run the same system that the Wolverines succeeded in last year.

"So I went back and talked to Jesse Minter right when Mike left, and just felt it was the absolute best thing for our team," Harbaugh said.

To replace Gattis, Harbaugh looked within and promoted offensive assistants Sherrone Moore and Matt Weiss.

While the scheme could look a lot like last year, who is running the offense is the most intriguing question of the preseason for Michigan. Cade McNamara was QB1 last season with talented freshman J.J. McCarthy playing a complementary role off the bench.

There is no guarantee those roles will stay the same this season, Harbaugh said.

"Cade McNamara is going to be really tough to beat out for the starting quarterback job," Harbaugh said. "J.J. McCarthy is going to be really tough to beat out for the starting quarterback job."

RECOVERING RECEIVER

Maryland coach Mike Locksley said receiver Dontay Demus Jr. was ahead of schedule recovering from a knee injury that cost him more than half of last season.

Demus had 507 yards and three touchdowns in five games before getting hurt.

Taulia Tagovailoa and the Terps still managed to have one of the most prolific passing seasons in school history, but getting Demus back to team with Rakim Jarrett could give Maryland one of the best combos in the Big Ten.

"Really, really impressed with how he's returned," Locksley said of Demus. "We do expect him, barring any setbacks during training camp, which we'll do a good job of trying to protect him and get him to that opening game, but there is the expectation we'll see Dontay Demus playing in the first game."

The Terps open the season at home against Buffalo on Sept. 3.

GOPHER REUNION

After helping Minnesota win nine games in 2019, offensive coordinator Kirk Ciarrocca left Minnesota for Penn State. He was fired after one season with the Nittany Lions.

Now, after spending last season at West Virginia, the 56-year-old has been reunited with the Golden Gophers — and much of the supporting cast he helped lead to nine wins in 2019.

Quarterback Tanner Morgan and running back Mohamed Ibrahim are both returning for their sixth season, and coach P.J. Fleck believes getting the band back together could lead to another big season in 2022.

Fleck isn't alone.

"Kirk wanted to know how that would affect the kids, and I wanted to know how that would affect the kids," Fleck said, calling the rehire an easy decision. "I said, of course you might have to answer some questions in your first team meeting, but that will be easy after the first five minutes, and he did. I know we're excited to have him. Tanner's really excited to have him."

Morgan threw for 3,253 yards and 30 touchdowns, both career highs, and had just seven interceptions in 2019. Ibrahim rushed for a career-best 1,160 yards in 2018, also under Ciarrocca.

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Saturday, Sept. 10	STATE	Arkansas State	Noon		
Saturday, Sept. 17	TILEDO	Toledo	7 p.m.		
Saturday, Sept. 24		Wisconsin	TBA		
Saturday, Oct. 1	R	Rutgers	3:30 p.m.		
Saturday, Oct. 8		at Michigan State	TBA		
Saturday, Oct. 15		Bye week			
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Saturday, Oct. 29		at Penn State	TBA		
Saturday, Nov. 5	N	at Northwestern	TBA		
Saturday, Nov. 12	Ψ	Indiana	TBA		
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