

## Farmers Market set for its third season

By Charles Melton

**POULSBO** — The search for fresh greens, bread and other organic produce will end Saturday morning as the **Poulsbo Farmers Market** begins its third season.

The **market** will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of 7th Avenue and Iverson Street as it has moved from its former location behind the Group Health medical building.

"It gives us more visibility and it's not going to be as hidden," explained PFM **market** manager Jackie Aitchison.

Along with the new location comes the addition of artisans, who will offer goods such as jewelry, pottery and artwork at the **market**, Aitchison said.

"We heard from some of our customers about having artisans at the **market** and it's a totally win-win situation," she said.

The PFM board has limited the number of artisans to 10 percent of the previous year's vendors, so the Saturday **market** will feature five craftsmen, who were selected by the board.

"I'm excited about that new element that we've added," Aitchison said.

Most of the produce available Saturday will be greens, peas and early-season fruits and vegetables, she said, adding that The Village Bakery is returning to the **market** and many vendors will have plants for sale.

"We have some wonderful nursery vendors and they're very affordable," she said.

Most of last year's vendors are returning and Aitchison said several people have recently asked when the **market** was getting underway.

"We have a good solid customer base for both **markets** and I'm very grateful," she said.

The Wednesday **market** is entering its second year with a few changes as well.

Instead of being open from 3-7 p.m., the **market** will run from noon to 4 p.m. and will once again be in the Northwest Design parking lot at the intersection of State Route 305 and Hostmark Street.

Fresh baked goods will also be available at the Wednesday **market** as Strudel Haus has signed on for the season, she said.

This season's events include Children's Day on July 29, Touch a Tractor Aug. 19, Tomato Tasteoff Sept. 9 and a Pumpkin Party Oct. 14.

"Instead of trying new events, we decided to go with what's worked in the past," she said.

**The changes are signs that the market is growing and evolving, even though it is still young, Aitchison said.**