

Live Oak enjoys organic market's reopening

Farmers' Market

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About 20 vendors ready for Sunday shoppers

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LIVE OAK – The Live Oak Farmers Market is back in town for the summer.

From 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Sunday, shoppers can peruse the goods of about 20 vendors from up and down the Central Coast, as well as the Silicon Valley.

Each weekend, they'll take over the parking lot at East Cliff Shopping Center at 15th Avenue and Portola Drive.

Delicious Crepes, of Campbell, was set up near the entrance to the shopping center on Sunday. Ilya, who runs a commercial kitchen there, logs many hours and travel miles working farmers markets from Monterey to San Francisco.

He's been coming to the Live Oak market for about four years now, he said.

"I enjoy the people here — seeing them, talking with them," he said. "They have a nice energy. They're like family."

Sunday was the kickoff of the 2009 farmers market season in Live Oak. Sunny weather with a mild breeze made the sounds of the bluegrass musical group, Still Searchin', extra cheerful.

Dozens of people sat at shaded picnic tables or on the pavement and bobbed their heads to the music, while dozens of others shopped for organic fruits and vegetables, as well as breads, eggs, pastries, herbs and more.

Jenny Roth was among the local parents who brought their little ones down to scope out some organic goodies, as well as enjoy the ambiance.

"I like the atmosphere," she said. "I like the entertainment. It's a great place for me and my daughter to spend the day."

Andrew Morgan gives his son Finn a look at the tulips from Thomas Farm in Corralitos on Sunday at the Live Oak Farmers Market.

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