



Orinda's Saturday Market

By Lee Borrowman



Nessa Feller with her son Noah (3)



Jeanne and Loyd W. McCormick

The Orinda Farmers' Market has settled nicely into its new location on Orinda Way. Although it is somewhat smaller than its Moraga counterpart, the Orinda Market has a loyal following that is growing as the summer weeks go by. This past weekend, it appeared to be all about the tomatoes!

"We absolutely love our new location," said Orinda Farmers' Market Manager Janice Foust, who believes the proximity to the Park, Library and Community Center is bringing many new customers to the Market each week. "Business is good; we've added several new vendors and are working on bringing in others." New additions this year include small local winery Periscope Cellars, Holding Ranch beef, and Empi empanadas.

Jeanne and Loyd W. McCormick, who have

lived in Orinda for forty years, come to the Market every week and "love it." Mrs. McCormick comes particularly for the tomatoes because, "They taste like tomatoes! I can't get them like this in the store." Orinda resident Cheri Etheredge shops the market for the best produce whenever she is in town. "It is fresher, and the tomatoes taste better," Etheredge explained, although she preferred the Market's former location because it did not require the closure of a main street.

Nessa Feller likes the new location of the market because she can walk there directly from the soccer field with her son Noah after his game. She comes to the Market, "For the fresh food, nice community feeling and to see everyone." She enjoys the opportunity to teach Noah about different vegetables



Cheri Etheredge

and flowers and to catch up with friends. "It feels healthy," she added.

The Orinda Farmers' Market will be open from 9:00-1:00 every Saturday through Nov. 20.

Roving reporters Wendy and Andy Scheck, who can frequently be found at Farmers' Markets, contributed to this article.

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