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Thank you again for your continued support of Bloomingfoods and your contributions to our Save for Summer campaign! Bloomingfoods has made huge improvements over the last few months, culminating in our first quarter of positive net income in over 4 years! We still have plenty of work to do and upcoming challenges to tackle but we have decided that July will be our last month to Round Up for Bloomingfoods. Our August Round Up recipient will be Community Kitchen. You can continue to support Bloomingfoods by paying cash, recruiting new members, and participating in our events. We are grateful to have such a wonderful community of members.

The board is extremely proud of our IGM team and staff for the amazing improvements we have made in our financial situation. We will be presenting a financial update as well as news on future plans for Bloomingfoods at our member forum on Monday, July 23rd at 7:00pm (location to be determined). Please join us to celebrate our 42nd birthday and continue our work for the future. We'll also be handing out birthday cake in the stores! We also encourage you to participate in the public input sessions being held by Trinitas, the developer who will be developing a 12-acre parcel currently occupied by K-Mart and Bloomingfoods. Come tell them what you'd like to see! Local? Green? Sustainable? A new home for Bloomingfoods? Workshops will be held at Binford Elementary School on 2nd Street from July 23-30 and comments will also be accepted online. We will post more details on our website and Facebook as they become available.

Did you enjoy Co-op Day? Several members asked me what it's all about so here are my thoughts on our newest quarterly event. Co-op Day is a celebration of our cooperative and the Bloomingfoods community. It is a time to have fun, to show appreciation for our members, and to invite new members to join. (13 new members joined on Co-op Day!) We haven't always made time for celebration during our last few years of struggles and it's time for that to change. Hopefully you enjoyed the live music, free ice cream, adorable baby goats, special sale pricing, and the amazing selection of local samples. Our goal is to celebrate all the people who make Bloomingfoods a wonderful place – our members, our vendors, and our staff. Thank you to all who participated and we hope to see you at the next Co-op Day in September!

In other board news, we recently updated our Ends statement. Did you know Bloomingfoods has an Ends statement? Do you know what it says? Our Ends statement is essentially our mission statement that guides what we do as a cooperative. After several months of deliberation and discussion, the board is pleased to announce an updated version that we feel best reflects the goals of the cooperative.

Because of BCS, people in Bloomington and South Central Indiana will have...

- A market for local, fair and healthful products, produced with care for the land, animals, and future generations.
- A democratic cooperative-ownership model that provides meaningful employment and strengthens the community.
- A robust and sustainable local food economy with fair prices for producers and all owner-members.
- Access to education on food systems, cooperative values, and the interconnectedness of food, health, and the environment.

What did we change? We added language to emphasize that we are interested in the sustainability of how our food is produced, which may go beyond organic certification. We directly expressed the importance of providing meaningful employment that meets the needs of our staff. We emphasized our big picture goal of building a sustainable local food economy which involves much more than just a grocery store. Last but not least, we clarified our role in providing education about the local food system and how our choices as consumers impact the world around us.

Look for our updated Ends statement in the stores and future discussion of how we are working towards each goal. The future is exciting and we continue to be optimistic about our role in the community and our ability to improve the health of our food economy while meeting the needs of our members.

Maggie Sullivan  
Bloomingfoods Board President

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## SAVE FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**\$8,934.20**

For the month of June, Bloomingfoods shoppers raised an awesome \$8,934.20 in our Save for Summer campaign! That's a total of \$31,680.05 saved since April 1!

Round Up for Bloomingfoods through the month of July as we wrap up the slow months of summer and prepare for the new school year. We will also be preparing to capture customers checking out our new competition on the East side. August brings back the students and we will be bringing back our non-

profits, starting with [Community Kitchen](#) as our next [Positive Change](#) recipient.

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The 30th Annual Bloomingfoods/City of Bloomington Salsa Contest is upon us! Entry packets are now available at Bloomingfoods East & Near West. \$5 gets you an entry packet and a 20% off coupon for a trip to the Bfoods Produce department! Entries for the city's best homemade salsa will be evaluated by a panel of expert judges on Saturday, August 4. Entry packets must be returned to Bloomingfoods East or Near West no later than 8pm on Friday, August 3.

[Read All About It!](#)

# JULY LOCAL FOCUS



## Rhodes Family Farm Meat Products

Join us in celebrating Rhodes Family Farm, our July Local Focus vendor. Enjoy



30% off all Rhodes pasture-raised pork products on Saturdays in July! No antibiotics, no hormones, all-natural seasonings, and straight out of Newberry, Indiana!

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Bloomingfoods invites submissions from local non-profits for the 2018 “Give Where You Live” award. This year the \$1000 award will go to a local non-profit 501(c)(3) in support of an initiative that addresses environmental sustainability in our community. The mission of the BCCF is to support non-profits in our community in nurturing an inclusive culture of cooperation, environmental sustainability and food accessibility.

Submissions will be accepted throughout the months of July and August online or in hard copy at the East and West Side stores. The selection will be made by a board-appointed committee in September and will be announced at the Bloomingfoods Annual Meeting on October 9.

Click the button below to learn more about the fund and to apply!

[Apply Now](#)



The registration deadline approaches!

Bloomingfoods is partnering with the City of Bloomington, [C3 Bar](#), [Cardinal Spirits](#), and [Danny Boy Draft Works](#) to offer you the opportunity to celebrate with [Harvest Moon Flower Farm](#) in its 30th year of business! Join us for a tour of the farm on an evening that will culminate in a "Farm to Fork" dinner prepared with local food by local chefs. The farm offers year round farmers' market flowers, culinary herbs, produce for local restaurants, and floral arrangements for local businesses and weddings. Register online or fill out and mail a registration form with payment to the Parks and Recreation Department!

Details:

Sunday, July 15 4:30-8:30 pm

Bus departs City Hall at 4pm

\$50 per person

Registration deadline: July 9

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

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### Save the Date: Next Owner-Member Forum

Our next Owner-Member Forum will take place at 7pm on Monday, July 23, also known as Bloomingfoods' 42nd birthday! Stay tuned for further details, but be sure to save the date to learn about the progress we've been making!

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### Consumer Lecture

## UNDERSTANDING HEMP-DERIVED CBD

There's been much debate suggesting that CBD derived from agricultural hemp has the same properties as cannabis-derived CBD, making it a potential alternative for patients who can't legally access medical marijuana but can legally acquire hemp-derived CBD products. A lot of people aren't entirely familiar with hemp-derived CBD, however. What exactly is there to know?

Join [CV Sciences](#) Educator Jesse Miller in the East store patio room on Friday, July 13 from 6:30 - 8:30pm to learn more about the history of hemp, the differences between CBD and THC, and whether hemp-derived CBD is for you!

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### Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

Regularly scheduled monthly board meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Board Meetings are open to co-op owner-members and guests of the board. Familiarity with the Bylaws, Policies, and the Policy Governance Method will enhance your understanding of the board meeting process.

Meetings are held at Noodles & Company Conference Room, Eastland Plaza, [2560 E Third St](#)

Thursday, July 27th

Thursday, August 30th

Thursday, September 27th

SAVE THE DATE for our Annual Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, October 9, at the Clubhouse at the Fields. More information to come!

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### **Bloomingfoods Culture Club**

Are you a maker of kraut, kefir, kombucha, yogurt, or other edible ferments? Let's get together and share our passion for homegrown probiotics. I'm a newbie and would love to learn what is working (or not working) for other fermenters. I'm envisioning a monthly meet up where we share our latest creations, our favorite recipes, our surplus starters, or just our enthusiasm. Perhaps in the future we could organize kraut making parties, bulk buying opportunities, or food swaps. Interested? Send me a note at [maggie@greencouple.com](mailto:maggie@greencouple.com) with your ideas and a couple suggested meeting dates in June.

Deep Roots Garden Center is thriving despite the heat! They have healthy tomato and pepper plants looking for a good home at 20% off, as well as lots of annual flowers and herbs. Check their [website](#) for the latest and to sign up for their helpful newsletter. Deep Roots is located next to our East store and is open 10-6 everyday but Monday.

Have a club or small event that needs a venue? Our East store patio room is open and available for reservation! Call 812-336-5400 to find out availability and reserve the space!

Bloomington Community Farmer's Market: Saturdays at Showers Commons, April - November; Tuesdays on North Madison near Bloomingfoods Near West, June - April

Bean Blossom Farmer's Market: Fridays, May 25 - August 31 in Bean Blossom (north of Nashville, IN)

Parks & Recreation Gardening Classes



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