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Carly Spry checks the quality of the sweet corn ears as the line of customers continues to grow.

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Sweet corn returns to Greater Lafayette

Ava Westendorf

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WEST LAFAYETTE, IN – West Lafayette locals swerved their cars into the parking lot of Bruno's Pizza on Sagamore Parkway on Thursday morning in hopes of adding their favorite July 4 food to their menu.

Despite the endless rain flooding fields across Tippecanoe County the past weeks, Prairie View Farms Produce was nothing but punctual on July 2 as it opened its fan-favorite green wagons full of sweet corn.

"The sweet corn still made it through," said Carly Spry, whose family has sold the vegetable daily to the community for more than 30 summers. "Luckily, we didn't have very many issues, and it was ready on time, as it is each year."

Spry has been working on the farm for as long as she can remember, which makes her the perfect addition to the trio handling the busiest of the sweet corn locations.

Tori Thompson, Courtney Gretencord and Spry all completed a different task in their productive assembly line.

Spry opened each ear from the top, pitching the ones without the bright orange and yellow color to the back of the wagon, while stacking the good ones into a small pile.

The pile never seemed to grow, with Thompson continuously bagging them and Gretencord handing these bags to paying customers.

"It's always really, really good, and it's community," said Carol Cirtin, who has been coming to this location for "years and years."

Even with the temperature in the high 80s and the

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David Wood greets Courtney Gretencord as she tells him the person before him bought the final ear of corn for the day.

Lafayette art museum lands major grant for future projects

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The Art Museum of Greater Lafayette has received a \$500,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support capacity-building projects aimed at strengthening the museum's long-term sustainability.

The funding will support technology upgrades, staff development and expanded collection space, according to a community announcement. The grant is one of 12 invitational grants Lilly Endowment is awarding to Indiana art museums to help them strengthen operations and enhance their contributions to cultural life across their communities and regions.

"The Art Museum is truly humbled to receive this grant, and will be careful stewards of this gift. This will profoundly impact our organization's ability to share Indiana history through the artist's perspective for future generations," Executive Director Christopher McCauley said.

Grant to support museum operations and growth

Museum officials said the funding will be invested in projects designed to improve organizational effectiveness and future sustainability.

According to the announcement, the investments are intended to help the museum to continue providing access to the arts while supporting creativity and engagement.

Founded in 1909 by Laura Anne Fry, the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette has spent more than a century serving the community through art education, exhibitions and public programs.

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Art in the Park returns with a pickleball-themed night in Lafayette

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Lafayette Parks & Recreation will bring pickleball demonstrations, local artists, children's activities and food vendors to McCaw Park on July 7 during the summer Art in the Park series, according to a community announcement.

The event, titled "Picklepalooza," is scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at McCaw Park. Organizers said attendees can watch a live pickleball basics demonstration presented by the Lafayette Indiana Pickleball Association and browse booths featuring local artists.

Art in the Park is sponsored by Lafayette Media Group, Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette, Evonik Tippecanoe Laboratories, Industrial Federal Credit Union and Caterpillar Inc., according to the announcement.

Visitors also will have access to a free children's craft station and a lineup of food vendors that includes EMT Food Truck, Gordo's Food Truck, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Beverly Ann's and Kona Ice.

Next Art in the Park event planned for Armstrong Park

The next event in the Art in the Park series is "Christmas in July," scheduled for July 21 from 6 to 8:30

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