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Tomato Fest Set Saturday

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The Lawton Farmers Market and Southwest Oklahoma Growers Association will celebrate their fourth annual Tomato Festival on Saturday at the Great Plains Coliseum Prairie Building, 920 S. Sheridan.

The festival will be from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The fun, family-friendly morning will feature the Lawton Farmers Market, artisan and craft vendors, food vendors and two events sponsored by Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma: the half-mile Great Tomato Catch Up Race and a 5K Trail Run for ages 10 and over. The cost for the trail run is \$20. Participants may register in advance at <https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/select-race> or visit Fit Kids of SWOK on Facebook for information. The 5K trail run will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the fun run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Categories in this year's Tomato Contest include Best Tasting, Best in Show and Ugliest Tomato, with cash prizes for each category.

A new event this year is the Salsa Showdown sponsored by Comanche County Memorial Hospital. The age categories for the event are 17 and under and 18 and over. There will be first-, second- and third-place cash prizes awarded in each category. Participants are asked to take at least 12 ounces of salsa for tasting. The deadline for all contest entries is 9 a.m. and judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. The announcement of the winners, and the awards ceremony, will take place at 10 a.m.