



SUNFLOWER SPOTLIGHT

USD 368 Paola

USD 368 Paola operated four unique meal service sites this summer at three churches and at the Paola Recreation Baseball Complex. USD 368 served lunch and snacks at the churches and offered supper meals at the baseball complex. Elaine Harris, Food Service Director, said that USD 368 used the same school food service vendors to source local produce such as fresh broccoli, cauliflower, celery, baby carrots, grape tomatoes, and apples. Along with the fresh produce, USD 368 also served local milk from A&E Dairy. Pizza with whole grain-rich crust, flour tortillas and homemade hamburger and hot dog buns were also incorporated into menus. USD 368 has defined local as anything grown in Kansas and Missouri within 250 miles. Paola is close to the Kansas-Missouri State Line and is able to benefit from local products from both States. USD 368 plans to continue working to increase the number of meals served through innovative summer meal service site locations and the incorporation of local foods!