

Halloween finale wraps up Farm Market

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BELOIT — The Downtown Beloit Association's 27th Annual Halloween Parade and Party was held Saturday in conjunction with the final Farmer's Market of the season.

Dozens of area children met at Horace White Park before marching into town dressed as superheroes, monsters or their favorite movie characters. Among the fun opportunities waiting for them in town were the chance to Trick-or-Treat with local vendors, free pumpkins provided by Brad and Cindy Paulson, a bounce house, spooky stories at the Turtle Creek Bookstore and pumpkin decorating with Doodles.

There was plenty of fun for the whole family as vendors enjoyed their final opportunity to sell produce and other goods for the Farmer's Market season.

Doreen Maxted of Shady Tree has sold produce and flowers at the market for the last five years. She loved to see kids out having a good time at the market.

"This is wonderful, the market has been a blast all year, but this especially has been a great day," said Maxted.

Nicole Craig of Zoey's Furry Friends said that although dogs are no longer allowed at the market as they had been in the past, she still has seen plenty of business for her dog treats.

"They (customers) still wish they could take their dogs to the market, so I'm sure many love to bring something home for the dog they left behind," said Craig. "Business has been great for me, I feel lucky to have gotten in this year."

Jeff Morris of The Cheese People said he was surprised at the variety of people from all over he has encountered while selling cheese the last four years.

"We just talked to somebody from Florida," said Morris. "We have had people from Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, as well as Roscoe and Rockton. It has been terrific."

Although the May through October season has come to a close, community members will still have a few more opportunities to buy from local vendors.

The Beloit Winter Farmer's Market will be held November 5, 12, and 19 from 9 a.m. to noon inside Bushel & Peck's, and feature over a dozen local farmers, gardeners and producers.



Halloween fun

Families negotiate with local vendors during the final Farmer's Market of the season Saturday. The Winter Farmer's Market begins on Nov. 5.