

Music, munching and massages: Fridays in Park kicks off fun in downtown Beloit

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Fridays in the Park kicked off the summer season in downtown Beloit Friday, with food, music, prizes and even relaxing massages offered.

Bagels & More provided sumptuous barbecue chicken sandwiches while the Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band was bringing the music to the corner of State Street and Grand Avenue.

Each Friday during the summer months, the Downtown Beloit Association invites people to spend their lunch hour at First National Bank Plaza at the corner of State Street and Grand Avenue. There will be no Fridays in the Park on July 4, however. Each week, a local restaurant will provide a lunch at a reasonable price and area musicians will provide entertainment.

The event attracted plenty of attention Friday as the sunny day drew people out to the park.

Linda Klobsdell came down to Fridays in the park to enjoy the sunny day and to watch her niece, Savannah Terwilliger, who was performing with the Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band.

“She’s the redhead,” she said as she pointed her out.

Meanwhile on the other side of the park, Wayne Korsberg of Janesville, was getting a massage from Dianne Myhre. Korsberg, and his wife, Jane, were first-time visitors to Fridays in the Park.

“It’s a wonderful community event,” Jane Korsberg said.

Over along Grand Avenue, Melissa Gile and Paige Fren Dahl were working the crowds in front of Visit Beloit’s new Mobile Welcome Center.

“We are promoting the city and giving away free stuff,” Gile said.

They were inviting passersby to spin a prize wheel for a chance to win candy, pens, glow sticks or even a shopping spree in downtown Beloit.

The duo said they were looking forward to a busy time this summer as the Mobile Welcome Center will be at the Farmers Market, the Memorial Day Parade and even at Dancing At Harry’s Place when it begins June 2.

The summer will be full of food, music and fun as Fridays in the Park continues in coming months. Here is the schedule of upcoming features at Fridays in the Park.

May 30 — Blues with Brother K: Food by Domenico’s Italian Ristorante

June 6 — Classics with the Stateline Playboys: Food by Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint.

June 13 — Classics with The Steve Doiel Trio: Food by Bagels & More.

June 20 — Blues with Glenn Davis and Matt Goodwin: Food by Otha's Ribs.

June 27 — The Rock River Jazz Greats: Food by Suds O'Hannahan's.

July 11 — Rob Tomaro Jazz Trio: Food by Rival's Sports Bar and Grill.

July 18 — Blues with the Blue Lightning Band: Food by Domenico's Italian Ristorante.

July 25 — Bluegrass with The Coon Creek String Band: Food by La Casa Grande.

Aug. 1 — Acoustic favorites with the Backroads Trio: Food by Cafe Fromage.

Aug. 8 — Folk with the Brothers Quinn: Food by Suds O'Hannahan's.

Aug. 15 — Smooth jazz with the Harlan Jefferson Trio: Food by Otha's Ribs.

Aug. 22 — Jazz Tet: The Brass Rail.

Aug. 29 — Blues with Glenn Davis and Matt Goodwin: Food by La Casa Grande.