

# VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES READY TO KICK OFF IN DOWNTOWN BELOIT

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BDN file photo The Downtown Beloit Farmers Market is kicking off May 5 and will run through the end of October. More than 100 vendors will be selling their wares from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday along State Street and East Grand Avenue.

BELOIT - Spring has finally made its appearance, and for many people that means one thing: the farmers market is here!

Local vendors selling everything from plants to fresh-cut flowers, cheese, honey, meat, delicious baked goods, crafts and more will be featured.

The Beloit Farmers Market takes place from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, starting May 5 and running through October along State Street and Grand Avenue.

About 60 vendors are expected to participate early on in the season and that number will keep growing as the weather continues to warm up.

"We'll have about 100 vendors participating throughout the season," said Downtown Beloit Association Promotions Coordinator Crystal Cribbs.

Cribbs said that although the Farmers Market cannot expand its physical footprint, the vendor and product diversity continues to impress.

Everyone is encouraged to come out. Those who use SNAP benefits can once again participate in a token program to make their purchases.

"We're really trying to keep incorporating more vendors that offer organic foods and gluten free items," Cribbs added.

Downtown Beloit fans should mark another date on their calendar, as ArtWalk is coming up from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

ArtWalk turns downtown businesses into mini art galleries. The event draws a big crowd to find one-of-a-kind pieces.

"It's really all about shopping local and supporting local craftspeople who are making a living by handcrafting," Cribbs said.

Some participating businesses will have treats to nibble on and restaurants also will be open for the dinner rush. A trolley also will be running.

Cribbs said the Downtown Beloit Association will be setting up at the Hendricks Center for the Performing Arts due to construction at the Vision Center.

"There will be a little bit of everything - pottery, jewelry makers, paintings, fabric art weaving, vintage wooden boxes - for sale downtown," Cribbs said.

For more information on the Beloit Farmers Market or ArtWalk, visit [www.downtownbeloit.com](http://www.downtownbeloit.com) or 'Like' the Downtown Beloit Association Facebook page.