

MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN AT THE STREET DANCE

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BDN file photo The Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) Street Dance will take place from 5:30-11 p.m. on Aug. 2 in downtown Beloit. The event is the DBA's largest fundraiser of the year.

BELOIT - Put on your dancing shoes and head to State Street: it's time for the Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) Street Dance.

"This event attracts thousands and we always have lots of fun," said DBA Promotions Coordinator Crystal Cribbs. "There'll be great music."

All of the "Celebrate Weekend" festivities will kick off with sidewalk sales at local businesses and kids activities like face painting from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2.

Fridays in the Park will take place from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at First National Bank Plaza. Music will be by Universal Joint and lunch will be provided by truk't for \$7.

State Street will be closed to traffic after the sidewalk sales wrap up for the day. The Street Dance stage will be brought in and music will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Both bands for this year's event are Beloit-based. Big Daddy Woo Woo will be performing top hits, classic and funk, will perform from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

From 7:30-8 p.m. there will be a brief intermission. Top Flight will then take the stage and play punk, funk, R&B, soft rock and blues until 11 p.m.

"The music will be great and should appeal to a lot of people," Cribbs said. "We see people from all different backgrounds at the Street Dance."

In addition to great music, Street Dance visitors can enjoy drinks and food at downtown restaurants or visit food trucks. Admission to the Street Dance is \$5.

"Street Dance is our biggest fundraiser of the year," Cribbs said. "What better way is there to celebrate Beloit, than have a party?"

In addition to the Street Dance, the sidewalk sales will return on Saturday in conjunction with the Farmers Market featuring 90-plus vendors from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

"The DBA is all about helping our local businesses, many of which have been here for years," Cribbs said. "We hope that people will come out and celebrate."

For more information on the Downtown Beloit Association and the Street Dance, visit www.downtownbeloit.com or 'Like' the organization's Facebook page.