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Stone soup served up on final Farmers' Market Saturday

The final day of the 32nd season of the Oak Park Farmers' Market will be Sat., Oct. 27 and traditional *stone soup* will be featured. Serving the harvest soup this year will be Trattoria 225, one of Oak Park's newest restaurants, located in the heart of the arts district on Harrison Street.

"Trattoria 225 has become a frequent patron at the Farmers' Market," said Melissa Wittenberg, market commissioner. "Knowing that the restaurant was a new local business and that they supported local producers and the use of organic products whenever possible, we asked them to support our celebration and we are delighted that they said yes."

This year's stone soup will be 100 percent vegetarian, with fresh ingredients from the Market including squash, tomatoes, potatoes and herbs. Trattoria 225 owner Craig Charlton will begin serving soup at 9 a.m. and it will be free while it lasts.

Other festivities for the market's final day include a raffle for a copy of the book *Stone Soup* from the Magic Tree Book Store, as well as a market apron. Raffle entry forms are free and will be available throughout October at the Commission table located at the entrance to the market.

The final market of the season also will feature local artists displaying original ceramic pieces suitable for serving and displaying fruits, vegetables and flowers purchased at the Farmers' Market. Unique jewelry and textile pieces also will be available for purchase. Artists donate 15 percent of all sales to the Oak Park Area Arts Council to help support the summer teen arts employment program *Off the Wall*.

The Farmers' Market is held every Saturday from June through October in the parking lot of Pilgrim Church, located on Lake Street just west of Ridgeland Avenue. The Market features fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers, plants, honey, cheeses, frozen meats and warm donuts made on-site.

For more information about the Oak Park Farmers' Market, visit www.oak-park.us/farmersmarket, e-mail farmersmarket@oak-park.us or call 358.5780.

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