

Buffalo Barfield will provide live entertainment at the Clemson Farmers Market's second annual Harvest Market today. The market will take place from 3-6 p.m. at its location at 578 Issaqueena Trail in Clemson.

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Clemson Farmers Market prepares for harvest event

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CLEMSON — Local residents will be able to shop for locally grown food and see live entertainment, while activities will also be provided for children, at the second annual Harvest Market set for today at the Clemson Farmers Market.

The event will take place from 3-6 p.m. at the farmer's market, located at the Patrick Square village green.

"Individuals can celebrate fall at the farmers market," market manager Kathi Dimmock said. "There will be something for everyone to enjoy, and shoppers can check out all the exciting things happening at Patrick Square."

Dimmock said shoppers can shop for fresh, locally grown produce, grass-fed beef and pork, goat's milk products, muscadines, farm-fresh eggs, local honey, rustic breads, home-baked goods, artisan chocolates, herbs and spices, smoked olive oil, meats to go, jams and salsas, dog treats and handmade arts and crafts.

From 2-3 p.m., a free workshop will be sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), followed by the opening of the farmers market. The farmers market will feature vendors demonstrating their craft skills and offering sampling and recipes.

Special children's activities will take place at the booth of Dr. Susan Valentino, while live entertainment will feature Buffalo Barfield. Traditional American roots music, folk rhythm and a washboard workshop will be provided, with performances set for 4-4:20 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. A giant inflatable will also be provided by Patrick Square.

The Clemson Farmers Market was established in 2010 with the mission of providing healthy food options for the community while promoting local agriculture. The regular season of the 2014 market began May 16 and concluded Oct. 17, with bonus markets today and Dec. 5.

Market partners are the City of Clemson, Patrick Square and the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, while Clemson Area Transit, AgSouth Farm Credit and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute are market sponsors.

Vendors must pay an annual fee of $25 to participate and must locally grow all agricultural and horticultural items, as well as locally produce (with local defined as within 70 miles of Clemson) prepared foods and craft goods.

For more information about today's event or about the Clemson Farmers Market in general, call Dimmock at (864) 654-3918, email kathi.dimmock@att.net or visit clemsonfarmersmarket.org.

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