

Rocking Main Street

Carnival, helicopter rides at festival in Walnut Hill Park

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NEW BRITAIN — Main Street USA came to life at Walnut Hill Park Saturday with free hayrides, rock climbing and \$20 helicopter rides.

In fact, you could spot the helicopters whirling above for miles around.

Patricia DonAroma, a New Britain resident, decided to hop on a helicopter right when she got to the event.

“It was my very first time. I didn’t feel frightened at all somehow,” she said. “I loved it. I highly recommend it.”

“The fall colors are beginning. It was so beautiful. It was a clear day,” she added.

The communitywide event featured carnival rides, live entertainment, food vendors, informational booths and fireworks. Children also roamed through an inflatable corn maze or watched a free magician perform.

Linda Ortiz dared to scale the rock wall and got all the way to the top to ring the bell.

“I liked it. It was my first time. Going down was terrifying,” Ortiz said. “I like the thrill.”

Businesses from around the city participated in the event. Alvarium Beer Company and Five Churches Brewing poured craft beer

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Anasti Resto, 5, attempts the climbing wall during Main Street USA in Walnut Hill Park Saturday.