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## **Halloween Festivities Planned at Market**

COOPERSTOWN –The Cooperstown Farmers' Market will take a macabre turn on Saturday, October 28 as vendors celebrate the “Halloween Harvest” with visitors. Free cider and cookies will be served, and there will be trick-or-treating for the kids.

Market regulars can look forward to the quality produce and items they have come to expect, among them maple syrup, home-baked sweets and treats, seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh fowl and meats, and flowers and greenery, as well as handmade crafts and homemade soaps.

The Cooperstown Farmers' Market is sponsored by Otsego 2000 and operates rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through November 11. Holiday market hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., November 18 through December 16. The market is located just off Main Street, in Pioneer Alley -- for more information, visit [www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/](http://www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/) or call 547-6195.

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## **Holiday Markets: A Work in Progress**

COOPERSTOWN – Though it has been brisk business as usual at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market, preparations are already well underway for the fast-approaching holiday season.

Market officials have been busy making plans for this year's holiday markets, which will run every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., November 18 through December 16.

When the festivities begin next month, Cooperstown Farmers' Market vendors will welcome a number of helping hands as they ring in the holidays.

Brand new to the market, Serena DeRose of Sunflower Acres in Fort Plain sets up on November 18 with broom corn, dried flowers, and hand-painted decorative farm girl swings. DeRose will also be selling natural watercolor hand-painted ties and scarves.

Perennial market favorite Ellen White Weir of Cooperstown returns on November 18 with balms, sprays, bath salts and more, all made from calendula flowers. Her selections will include other aromatic natural body products as well.

Then, on November 25, Karen and Fred Bouton of Bouton's Egg Farm in Laurens will join the market ranks with their painted wooden creations -- whirligigs, bird houses, paper towel holders, roosters, hens, and shelf pets -- and lighted Christmas yard art.

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Applications are still being accepted for the holiday markets. New vendors are always welcome, provided they meet the prerequisites: membership is limited to producers within a 50-mile radius of the market; vendors must produce at least 80 percent of the goods they plan to sell at market; and vendors are required to submit a copy of their liability insurance -- and any applicable licenses or certificates -- with their application, as well as photos of their display.

Vendors are approved through an application and jury process, to determine space availability and to ensure product diversity and quality in the market. For further information and an application form, visit [www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/](http://www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/) or call Darla M. Youngs at 607-547-6195.

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## **Tisch Family Kicks Off October Market**

COOPERSTOWN – The Cooperstown Farmers' Market begins its very busy October schedule this Saturday, October 7 with a performance by the ever-popular Tisch Family.

While enjoying this live musical entertainment, visitors can shop the farmers' market at their leisure for the quality produce and items market regulars have come to expect -- among them maple syrup, home-baked sweets and treats, seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh fowl and meats, and flowers and greenery, as well as handmade crafts and homemade soaps.

This month's full market schedule is: October 7, the Tisch Family; October 14, Just Throw Money; October 21, Skip West; October 28, Halloween Harvest.

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