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Market To Host Popular Performer

COOPERSTOWN – When Skip West performs, people just can't stand still. Mixing a wide variety of musical styles, West is an area favorite perhaps best known for his children's music. On Saturday, September 9, this multi-faceted musician will play his engaging, irresistible melodies at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market.

While enjoying this live entertainment, visitors can shop the market at their leisure for the quality produce and items they have come to expect -- among them 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.

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Market Will Switch to Autumn Hours

COOPERSTOWN – Beginning Saturday, September 9, the doors of the Cooperstown Farmers' Market will open one hour later, at 9 a.m., as vendors transition to their autumn schedule. Market-goers can continue to look forward to the quality produce and items they have come to expect, among them 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.

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Book Signing Added to Festival Lineup

COOPERSTOWN – In addition to giant squash, live music, and tasty treats, this weekend's Zucchini Festival at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market's will feature Brenda Berstler and Alyssa Kosmer as they sign copies of "Homeplate: The Traveler's Food Guide to Cooperstown and Otsego County, New York."

Berstler, author, and Kosmer, the illustrator, will meet with market visitors that day to introduce, sign and sell copies of the book.

“Agribusiness is New York’s leading industry and Otsego County is justifiably proud of all that our farmers produce,” reads the website. “Homeplate: The Traveler’s Food Guide to Cooperstown and Otsego County’ celebrates our area’s rich farming heritage and the wonderful ways that their products are put to use.”

Proceeds from the book sales will go to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Otsego County and The Walking Example Group, Otsego County’s pedestrian and cycling advocate.

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Band To Repeat Performance

COOPERSTOWN – Back by popular demand, the Stoddard Hollow String Band will return to the Cooperstown Farmers’ Market next Saturday, August 26. The popular trio, led by Milford’s own Marvin Zachow, will entertain market goers with old-time banjo and fiddle music.

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Zucchini in the Spotlight at Local Market

COOPERSTOWN – While the village’s celebration of giant pumpkins is still a couple of months away, the Cooperstown Farmers’ Market is busy preparing for its yearly homage to yet another oversized vegetable.

The Annual Zucchini Festival on Saturday, August 19 will spotlight that gourd throughout the day, featuring sample food items made with zucchini, as well as a huge zucchini flower arrangement. The “battle for the biggest” is also once again in progress – the visitor carrying (or wheeling!) in the largest zucchini will be awarded a \$25 Cooperstown Farmers’ Market gift certificate.

The Tisch Family will perform live that day, to further heighten the already festive mood.

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Market News Now Available On-line

COOPERSTOWN – Area residents who frequent the Cooperstown Farmers' Market, and who like to stay on top of the market's comings and goings, can do so now on-line.

In addition to general market information and vendor applications, the Cooperstown Farmers' Market website now includes up-to-the-minute reports on upcoming events as well as recent news. Those interested can go to www.otsego2000.org/farmersmarket/ for details on next week's Zucchini Festival and other market happenings, both past and present.

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Market Welcomes Newest Vendor

COOPERSTOWN – Handspun yarn and lavender beeswax hand crème are just two of the items Maggie Alexander brings to the table. Literally. Alexander will set up shop locally on Saturday, August 12 as she joins the ranks of the Cooperstown Farmers' Market vendors.

According to the "Maggie's Farm" website, Alexander's newly purchased property in Brookfield marks the realization of a lifelong dream.

"My husband, Matthew, and I are taking a leap of faith and leaving the rat race behind to pursue an agricultural lifestyle," she writes.

Their goal is to support themselves and their livestock with the farm's products, while keeping a proud American tradition – the family farm – alive.

Maggie's Farm roving for spinning is from bluefaced Leicester sheep, blended with

mohair, angora and sometimes alpaca. Other products to be offered at the farmers' market will include handmade tapestry knitting bags, farm photo note cards, and knitting kits.

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