

Press Release

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## **Zucchini Contest Winner Announced**

COOPERSTOWN – Tony Capraro took top honors for largest zucchini on Saturday, August 18 at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market Zucchini Festival, with an entry weighing in at 8.72 pounds. Drew Lierheimer and Bunny Hamilton placed second and third, respectively. Capraro's green thumb has won him a \$25 gift certificate to the market.

Though the popular Annual Zucchini Festival has come and gone, entertainment at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market will be non-stop through the end of September. Skip West gets things going this coming Saturday, September 1, followed by the Stoddard Hollow String Band on September 8 and Augmented Jazz Duo on September 15.

On September 22, market vendor Molly Holtje will lead a hand-smocking demonstration beginning at 11 a.m. and, back by popular demand, Al Gallodoro will take the market stage for the second time this season on September 29. The Cornell Cooperative Extension program scheduled for September 15, "Repelling Deer," has been cancelled, but CCE will be on hand September 29 with a demonstration titled "Celebrate CCE & National 4-H Week."

Visitors to the market can look forward to the quality produce and items regular customers 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.

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## **Flour-making Demonstration, Music Planned for Saturday's Market**

COOPERSTOWN – This coming Saturday, August 25, Fran Forester of Shadbush Farms in Richfield Springs will give a flour-making demonstration at the Cooperstown Farmers' Market. Forester, a vendor at the market who makes all her own flour for the pies she sells, will explain the process and demonstrate using a flour mill. She will begin her talk at 11 a.m. The Stoddard Hollow String Band is also set to perform.

As they enjoy old-time banjo and fiddle music this Saturday, visitors to the market can look forward to the quality produce and items regular customers 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.

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## **Raffle Winners Named; Vendors Prepare for Zucchini Fest**

COOPERSTOWN – According to Cooperstown Farmers' Market vendor Molly Holtje, sisters Anna and Megan Greene of Cooperstown will share the 10-piece doll wardrobe they won last week. The wardrobe, handcrafted by Holtje, was raffled off as part of the market's continuing fund-raising series, all proceeds from which will go toward the repainting of the market signs and other operating expenses. The winning ticket was purchased by the girls' mother, Paula Greene.

Vendors and staff are currently busy preparing for the market's Annual Zucchini Festival, to be held on Saturday, August 18. The focus will be on zucchini throughout the day as the market features sample food items made with zucchini, as well as a huge zucchini flower arrangement (also made by Holtje). The "battle for the biggest" will be waged again this year – the visitor carrying (or wheeling!) in the largest zucchini will be awarded a \$25 Cooperstown Farmers' Market gift certificate.

The musical duo "Polish Moses" – JoAnn Bertone Chmielowski and Joe Chmielowski – will perform live on August 18, to further heighten the already festive mood.

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## **Zucchini in the Spotlight at Local Market**

COOPERSTOWN – While the village's celebration of giant pumpkins is still almost two 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 18 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 musical duo "Polish Moses" – JoAnn Bertone Chmielowski and Joe Chmielowski – will perform live that day, to further heighten the already festive mood. Future performances include the Stoddard Hollow String Band on August 25 and Skip West on September 1.

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