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Lee Warren, owner of Thankful Circle Farm in Killingworth, bags up his produce at the Ivoryton Village Farmers Market. Warren, the former president of the organic farming organization CT NOFA, grows his vegetables under the biodynamic method.

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ESSEX - The Ivoryton Village Farmers Market, now in its third year, has a simple message: Buy local.

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. through Oct. 11. The market is located on the Ivoryton Green, next to the iconic Ivoryton Playhouse (the Chester Sunday Market is also underway-see "Sunday Market Returns for the Summer Season" on page 7).

Dave Sousa, one of the local farmers who has a display at the market, said, "We really just want people to think about supporting local farmers, shopping local, buying local. It's all about that theme."

Sousa said the market has about 16 vendors "and the turnout has been very good, especially when you consider that we've been competing with events such as graduations and jazz festivals and the like."

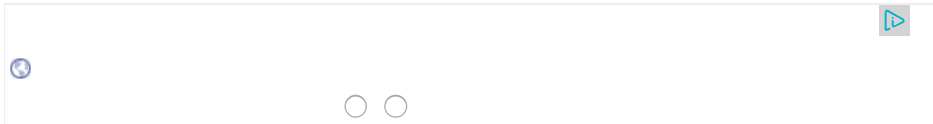
The market is sponsored by the Ivoryton Village Alliance to support Connecticut farms and small businesses and to provide a new venue for the residents of Ivoryton and surrounding towns to purchase fresh, locally grown produce and locally made products.

Connecticut-grown local produce, garlic, baked goods, fresh eggs, local beef and pork, fresh herbs, honey, syrup, coffee, flavored oils, prepared food, Italian ice, and dog and cat treats will be for sale.

Weekly, there will also be local crafters and live music.

For more information or to become a vendor, call Sousa at 860-767-4967 or visit www.ivorytonfarmersmarket.com.

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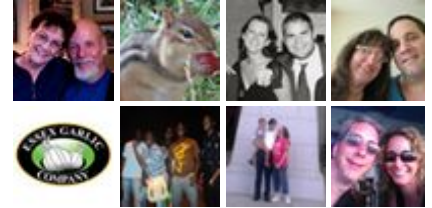
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