

SUPER SQUASH



Tim Bailey of 22 Park St., Jamestown, packed up his giant 800-plus-pound and nearly 5-foot in diameter squash this weekend and headed for Cooperstown hoping beyond hope he can top the state record of 821 pounds. Nursed on a concentrate of seaweed and fish and sheltered with a canvas for protection from hail damage and unusually hot, dry weather, the prize squash has been an attraction for neighbors watching its growth this summer. The weekend state competition at Cooperstown also features a floating demonstration, where contestants split their pumpkin or squash entry, cut a deep hole in the center and crawl in for a "sink-or-float" ride in a nearby pond.

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