

# Pumped up about PUMPKINS

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If you didn't get enough festival food and fun last week at the Fairfield County Fair, you'll have another opportunity this week.

Promoted as Ohio's oldest and largest festival, the Circleville Pumpkin Show will be held Wednesday through Saturday.

"It is the greatest free show on earth," said John Stone, a pumpkin show trustee and public relations coordinator.

The festival will feature daily parades, concerts, contests, craft demonstrations, displays, rides and, of course, pumpkins.

An eight-block section of the Pickaway County seat will include about 230 vendors.

Traditional festival fare will be complemented by pumpkin products, including pumpkin pizza, chili, ice cream, cookies, waffles, pancakes, doughnuts, sticky buns, taffy and fudge.

Pumpkin pie lovers will want to get a glimpse of the world's largest pumpkin pie display at Lindsey's Bakery on West Main Street. Bakers annually use 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin to make this 350-pound pie, which measures 5 feet in diameter.

Gigantic pumpkins also will be displayed. Entries for the largest pumpkin contest will be weighed at noon Wednesday. Last year's winner weighed 628 pounds, a pumpkin show record.

Unlike previous years when only the three heaviest pumpkins were displayed, all entrants will be asked to display their pumpkins.

"We will be displaying more pumpkins than ever before. Instead of shipping the losers home on the backs of pickup trucks we're going to keep all of them there so everyone can see giant pumpkins," Stone said.

Colossal pumpkins aren't the only attraction making the pumpkin show different. It also features seven parades.

Parades are held at 3:30 p.m. weekdays and 6 p.m. each day. Parades will include the Parade of Bands at 8 p.m. Thursday, featuring at least 20 marching bands.

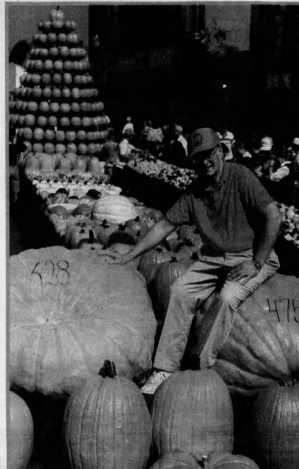
Other free musical entertainment will occur throughout the festival on several different stages throughout the grounds. The band's repertoires will include blue grass, country, jazz, dixieland and riddies.

Children's entertainment will include Mark Wood's Fun Show. Wood is a Baltimore resident. Contests also will be held for a variety of ages and species. There will be baby pig, egg toss, hog calling, pumpkin toss and pie eating contests.

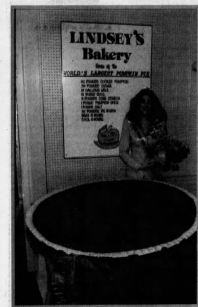
"It's a fun, family festival," Stone said.

To find the show from Fairfield County, take U.S. 22 west to Circleville. Then follow the signs.

For more information about the Circleville Pumpkin Show, call (614) 474-7000 or (614) 474-2828.



ROBERT LIGGETT points out his winning 628-pound pumpkin last year while sitting on a 475-pound pumpkin. (Photos courtesy of Photo Express)



1996 MISS Pumpkin Show Lindsey Nicole Logan poses with the world's largest pumpkin pie, which is made annually for the pumpkin show at Lindsey's Bakery.



A VARIETY of pumpkins and other fall harvest produce will be displayed at the Circleville Pumpkin Show, being held Wednesday through Saturday.

## CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW (partial schedule of events)

### WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. — opening ceremony (Court and Main Streets)
- 12:15 p.m. — Little Miss Pumpkin Show parade, followed by judging at the West Main Street stage
- 6:15 p.m. — Pumpkin Show Band (West Main Street stage)
- 6:30 p.m. — Circleville High School percussion and marching bands (East Franklin Street stage)
- 7:15 p.m. — Circleville Bible College choir (West Main Street stage)
- 8 p.m. — Miss Pumpkin Show Parade, judging at the West Main Street stage

### THURSDAY

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. — baby judging (Everts Middle School)
- 1:30 p.m. — pig show race (Pickaway Street)
- 2 p.m. — Glen Este High School show and bell choir (West Main Street stage)
- 3:30 p.m. — baby parade, followed by winners on the Pickaway and Franklin streets platform
- 4:30 p.m. — vocalist Gary Barker (East Franklin Street stage); egg toss (West Main Street stage)
- 5 p.m. — Musician Mark Wood's Fun Show (Pickaway Street stage)
- 6 p.m. — Glen Este High School show and bell choir (West Main Street stage)
- 6:15 p.m. — Logan Elm High School marching band (East Franklin Street stage); Becheroff High School (Pickaway Street stage)
- 7 p.m. — Otterbein College marching band (East Franklin Street stage); Marion Franklin High School marching band (Pickaway Street stage)
- 7:15 p.m. — Roundtown Squares square dance club (West Main Street stage)
- 8 p.m. — Parade of Bands
- 9:15 p.m. — Todd Henry (country and oldies concert on the West Main Street stage)

### FRIDAY

- 11 a.m. — walking tour of historic Circleville (Moore House)
- 11:30 a.m. — Foundation/The Homeglitters (gospel music concert on the East Franklin Street stage)
- 1 and 2:15 p.m. — juggler Bob Nickerson (West Main Street stage)
- 3:30 p.m. — pet parade
- 4:30 p.m. — pet judging (East Franklin and South Pickaway streets); Andre Kubler's Sounds of Dixie (West Main Street stage); Toys River Toppers (East Franklin Street stage)
- 5 p.m. — pumpkin toss competition (North Skoto and Pickaway streets); bluegrass artist Lisa Wagner (Pickaway Street stage)
- 6:15 p.m. — pumpkin show band (West Main Street stage)
- 7 p.m. — band concert with performers to be announced (East Franklin Street stage)
- 7:15 p.m. — Wiggins II (gospel music concert on the West Main Street stage)
- 8 p.m. — parade of fraternal and civic organizations
- 9:15 p.m. — Southern Drawl (country music concert on the West Main Street stage)

### SATURDAY

- 12:30 p.m. — pumpkin pie eating contest (West Main Street stage)
- 1 p.m. — gospel artist Cheryl Stockwell (Pickaway Street stage)
- 1:45 p.m. — U.S.A.F. Band of Flight "Systems Go" (West Main Street stage)
- 2 p.m. — Real Life Stories (storytelling on the Pickaway Street stage)
- 3 p.m. — Ann and Phil Case in concert (Pickaway Street stage)
- 4 p.m. — Pickaway Brass (Pickaway Street stage); Steve Free (West Main Street stage)
- 5:30 p.m. — hog calling contest (West Main Street stage)
- 6:15 p.m. — Adolph Community Band (East Franklin Street stage); Dynamic Mention (Pickaway Street stage)
- 7 p.m. — Springfield High School marching band (South Pickaway and East Franklin streets stage); Gradina (Bourbon folk music on the West Main Street stage); Ballooboo (concert on the Pickaway Street stage)
- 8 p.m. — queen parade
- 9:15 p.m. — Fall Creek Band (country music on the West Main Street stage)

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