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Attendance hits half-million mark for Pumpkin Show

CIRCLEVILLE — An estimated one-half million persons attended the Circleville Pumpkin Show this year.

Michele Morrison, publicity director of the show this year than for the last 5-6 years, and brought out record-breaking crowds.

Seven different parades wound around the midway, each about 1½ hours long. Ms. Morrison said each parade had a theme.

One of the most popular events of the festival this year was Bob Spohn's pumpkin carving exhibition. A bumblebee and Spider Man were two of the pumpkin sculptures to emerge from Spohn's knife this year.

Ms. Morrison said Spohn began carving pumpkins about 20 years ago and has never used any other medium. He carves an Emmitt Kelly Sad Clown every year for a man who drives from Indiana to purchase it. Spohn's carving was so popular Saturday, he was unable to leave the booth, Ms. Morrison said.

Other attractions which drew crowds were a hog calling contest and a pumpkin pie eating contest.

About 40 contestants demonstrated their hog-calling skills and the bed of a semi truck was full of teen-agers eating pumpkin pie.

SEVEN PARADES FEATURED DURING PUMPKIN SHOW
The Adelphi Band in the Saturday night Parade of Queens

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