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continues through Saturday in downtown Circleville.

Rain washes out Pumpkin parades

CIRCLEVILLE — Rain inundated the Circleville Pumpkin Show Thursday.

For the first time since Friday of the 1975 festival, rain wiped out two parades in one day.

Rain began before dawn Thursday and continued until after dark in a steady shower that wiped out the Baby Parade, the Parade of Bands and the Zane Trace Band Concert.

Finding a place to park was not difficult as people who were brave enough to venture outdoors made the most of it.

Festival announcer Terry Agin and a passerby on his way to work both expressed amazement at finding carnival rides full of people in the rain.

Circleville Mayor John Jenkins said the rain did not deter several of his fellow mayors from other cities visiting the show and participating in a Pumpkin Pat Open at the Fox Fire Golf course in the afternoon.

Today's highlights are the Pet and Antique Car Parade at 3 p.m., Joe Waters and the Appalachia Band at 6 and the parade of Fraternal and Civic organizations at 8.

Saturday's activities begin with the Pumpkin Show 5-mile run at Circleville High School at 9:30 a.m. The Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest begins at 4 p.m., the Hog Calling Contest at 6 and an Adelphi Community Band Concert at 7.

The Queens Parade at 8 and the Changing Band at 9 cap the four-day festival. Continuance entertainment is scheduled on three platforms throughout today and Saturday.



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