

# Pumpkin

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show always draws a very large crowd. The parade of bands on Thursday night is one of the favorites and usually has one of the largest crowds for a parade. There are lines every year at Lindsey's Bake Shop to see the large pumpkin pie and to buy pumpkin doughnuts."

The giant pumpkin weigh-in is aptly named as growers bring their best and biggest out to compete. 2010's winner was Dr. Bob Liggett, whose giant pumpkin tipped the scales at 1,622 pounds,

442 pounds heavier than the second-place entrant.

For growers' wares that don't require a forklift or crane to hoist, new shelving units for displaying fruits, vegetables, decorated pumpkins and baked goods have replaced the 50-year-old units in the Pumpkin Show Building on Watt Street. Rusty Kimbler, an Eagle Scout, constructed the new units.

Osborn said the festival is about so many different things for so many different people, ranging from midway rides to live entertainment to good food. For her, it's all about seeing friends,

checking out the large number of daily parades and "getting my daily candy apple."

The festival preview evening begins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, with concessions and amusement rides open until 10 p.m. The Circleville Pumpkin Show Community Band will perform from 6 to 7 p.m. that night, then again Wednesday and Friday at the Circleville-Pickaway Visitors Pavilion.

The festival's opening ceremony begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Court and Main streets, with the giant pumpkin weigh-in at 9:15 a.m.

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