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Janice Kerns-Bothel, a saxophone player for the band,
speaks to a member of the Logan Elm band.

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Pumpkin Show Band wraps up 39th year of parades

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The Circleville Pumpkin Show Community Band has completed its 39th circuit around the Circleville Pumpkin Show.

The band, under the direction of David Winner, has performed in three concerts and three parades during the 2017 show, including the Parade of Bands.

The band was started in 1979 by Gary Dean, a current saxophonist, and Drexel Poling, a former band director. The band evolved throughout the years, from "The Hometown Band" to "The Pumpkin Show Band," and eventually "The Circleville Pumpkin Show Community Band."

David Winner took over as director in 2007, from former director Clifford Kerns.

"It is a great pleasure and an honor to be associated with such a great and talented group of individuals," Winner said. "That's what's so neat about a community band: a group of talented individual get together to form a team. And unlike sporting teams, you can continue to play well into your eighties — years, that is.

"The Band sounds great, but then again the Band is group of exceptional performers who love working together," Winner said of

the 2017 Pumpkin Show. "Compared to the last 38 Pumpkin Shows, I would have to say we sound as good as ever."

The band has performed in three concerts this year; however, the venue has made a change.

"There's a lot of things about Pumpkin Show that stay the same, but there is always some change," Winner said. "For many years we played on the West Main Street platform, or stage. Then a while back the Visitors Bureau put a tent on east Franklin Street and we played there until this year when the Visitors Bureau decided to go a different direction. So, this year, we performed on the West Main Street platform Tuesday night and in a warehouse building across from the Visitors Bureau pavilion Wednesday and Friday."

The change in scenery has not affected audience turnout, as crowds arrive to hear the band play selections such as "Phantom of the Opera" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

The band is also greeted with cheers and smiles as they ride through on their float during the nightly parades, playing familiar tunes such as "Hang on Sloopy" and "God Bless America."

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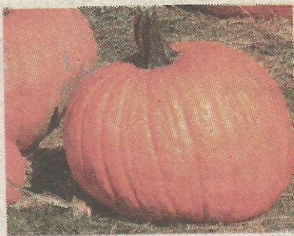
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Now that Pumpkin Show is winding down, the band is gearing up for the Christmas season. While Pumpkin Show is what the band is most well known for, they perform year-round at events such as the Deercreek Dam Days and the Pickaway County Fair, and is always on the lookout for new members.

“Come on down,” Winner said. “The Band welcomes and encourages all musicians who desire to play, rehearse and have a fair degree of proficiency with their instrument to become active members. It’s a great group of people and I think we have a lot of fun.”

Visit www.pumpkin-showband.weebly.com for more information on the band.



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