The Pumpkin

Christy Harp brought a 1,725 pound pumpkin to the Ohio Valley Giant Pumpkin Growers (OVGPG) Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Cristy’s new world record pumpkin, beat the previous record of 1689 pounds in 2007, held by Joe Jutras from North Scituate, Rhode Island.

Note: Where did the seed that Christy used to break the record come from? It was 2007 Jutras 1385.5 seed.

More Pumpkin facts can be found on pg. 4.

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$112,900 ~ Sand Creek ~ 2.5 Acres ~ 1344 s.f. ~ Great Condition ~ Bonus Room
Nice home in move-in condition manufactured home has living area with vaulted ceilings, wood laminate flooring and peaceful view of the regional foothills. Extra den or hobby room with wood-burning stove. Home site has private setting with large trees, useable land, paved access drive and the lot is fenced and cross fenced & suitable for horses. Extras include covered patios over concrete flat flat-work, spa, two sheds and more.

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$199,900 ~ Longview ~ 4.7 Acres ~ 2497 s.f. ~ A Great Value at ONLY $80 a Square Foot ~ 3 Large Bedrooms / 2 Bath
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$249,000 ~ Bronco ~ 4.9 Acres ~ 2205 s.f. ~ Looks Like a Model Home with ALL the Upgrades! ~ 3 Bedroom / 3 Bath
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$279,000 ~ George Smith/Puma ~ 4.4 Acres ~ 2373 s.f. ~ Shop ~ Landscaped ~ Great Location ~ 4 Bedroom / 3 Bath
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Pumpkins have been grown in North America for five thousand years. They are indigenous to the western hemisphere. Pumpkins are fruits. A pumpkin is a type of squash and is a member of the gourd family (Cucurbitacae), which include squash, cucumbers, gherkins, and melons.

Pumpkin seeds should be planted between the last week of May and the middle of June. They take between 90 and 120 days to grow and are picked in October when they are bright orange in color. Their seeds can be saved to grow new pumpkins the next year.
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The Four Seasons Garden Club

Have you planted your fall garden yet? It is time to plant all the cool season crops such as: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, all kinds of lettuce, beets, onions, garlic and Swiss chard. Now is also the ideal time to plant most landscape trees, shrubs and bulbs. Just be sure to water them well.

Because of the big Arts & Crafts Fair on October 2, there will be no work party or monthly meeting in October. However, there will be a field trip to Intermountain Nursery in Prather on October 21. Anyone who is interested will meet at 9 AM at the Library to carpool. Bring a bag lunch. The tour is scheduled for 10:30 at 30443 Auberry Road in Prather.

In November the regular Garden Club meetings will resume. The Work Party will meet at 8 AM, November 9 and the Monthly meeting will be on the 3rd Thursday (Nov. 18) at 6 PM. The program for November will be about “Pruning”.

The Four Seasons Garden Club was founded July 26, 1991 by Maynard Wilson who was the first President.

When the Bear Mountain Library and Activity Center was in the planning stage, Four Seasons Garden Club offered to landscape and maintain the 2 acre area behind the Library and it was designated as the Nature Trail by the County.

Since taking on this responsibility the Garden Club has spent several thousand dollars, has planted hundreds of trees, shrubs, herbs, annuals, etc. The Garden Club has constructed a gazebo, a storage building, memorial structures and benches, picnic tables, an educational platform, specialty gardens, installed trails and identity signs for trees plus many other improvements. All these improvements are paid for by the Garden Club from the two main fundraising events each year. These events are: The Arts & Crafts Fair on the first Saturday in October and the Spring Garden Tour which features four or five local gardens. In addition the volunteers have spent countless hours doing the necessary work to keep the Nature Trail in good condition.

At present there are between 45 and 55 active members of the Garden Club. If anyone in the area has an interest in gardening and would like to meet with people who are willing to share their gardening knowledge, we invite them to come to the meetings on the third Thursday at 6 PM in the Library Community Room. The next meeting will be November 18 at 6 PM.

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1. “If we ain’t outta here in ten minutes, we won’t need no rocket to fly through space”
2. “I’ll have what she’s having.”
3. “But I’m funny how? I mean, funny like I’m a clown? I amuse you?”
4. “Oh, and Senator, just one more thing. Love your suit.”
5. “Take your stinkin’ paws off me, you damn dirty ape.”
6. “So we finish 18 and he’s gonna stiff me. And I say, ‘Hey, Lama, hey, how about a little something, you know, for the effort, you know.’ And he says, ‘Oh, uh, there won’t be any money, but when you die, on your deathbed, you will receive total consciousness.’ So I got that goin’ for me, which is nice.”
7. “When I first saw you, I thought you were handsome. Then, of course, you spoke.”
8. “Open the pod bay doors, please, HAL.”
9. “220, 221... Whatever it takes”
10. “yer men aint ya”
11. “In case you havn’t been keeping up on current events... We just got our a%*es kicked”
12. “c’mon, we’re burnin daylight”
13. “Just keep swimming, just keep swimming, what do we do, we swim, swim”
14. “Oh great and powerful Steve... Whaddaya want?”
15. “Nobody makes me bleed my own blood. Nobody!”
16. “That aint no ball.... We want a real ball”
17. “one point twenty one jigawatts, one point twenty one jigawatts”
18. “Negative ghosstrider, the pattern is full”
19. “You’re why cavemen chiseled on walls.”

The movies associated with these quotes will be revealed in the November Gazette. We know there is great temptation to peek, so we have removed said temptation.

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7/21/2010  DOG BITE  STONEY CREEK RD, TOLLHOUSE
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7/23/2010  PC459R  SEMINOLE RD, TOLLHOUSE
7/6/2010  FIELD INTERVIEW CARD  LAVENDER LN, SQUAW VALLEY
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7/4/2010  MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION, BURROUGH VALLEY RD, TOLLHOUSE
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7. Patsy
8. Exes
9. Save a horse
10. Sexy tractor
11. Lily, Dabney, Jane & Dolly
12. Forever and ever
14. Chicken in a bread pan
17. Bandana

Down:
2. End of work day
3. No pool, no phone, no pets
4. PTA
5. Cards & letters from people
   I don’t even know
7. Life is a highway
13. Come down from your fences
15. Bottle on the floorboard
16. It was 9 ft high & 6 ft wide
18. A butt kickin
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- According to FDA standards, 1 cup of Orange juice is allowed to contain 10 fruit fly eggs, but only 2 maggots.
- Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream.
- If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5,000 times, but more like 4,950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.
- More than 40,000 parasites and 250 types of bacteria are exchanged during a typical French Kiss!
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- Non-Dairy Creamer is flammable.
- The can opener was invented 48 years after the can.
- The “G” in G-String stands for groin. (TMI)
- The world’s tallest snowman was created in Bethel, Maine in 2008. It measured in at 122 ft.-1in, and weighed 13 million pounds.

Movie Quote Answers
1. Alien
2. When Harry Met Sally
3. Goodfellas
4. Silence of the Lambs
5. Planet of the Apes
6. Caddyshack
7. As Good As It Gets
8. 2001: A Space Odyssey
9. Mr. Mom (Gazette favorite)
10. Open Range (another Gazette Fav.)
11. Aliens
12. The Cowboys
13. Finding Nemo
14. Over the Hedge
15. Dodgeball
16. The Natural
17. Back to the Future
18. Top Gun
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