

It's annual invasion of 'pumpkin people'



Some seasonal scenes at area farms & markets

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ROADSIDE FARM STANDS — "When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodders in the shock..." Remember when you got a little gold star in grade school for reciting this timely autumnal poem.

Well, the frost is on the pumpkin in Lancaster County. Actually, the early morning frosty fringe painted by nature is on the "pumpkin people" — those colorful creatures who annually make their appearance about this time of the year at roadside farm stands throughout the area.

These gourdy gnomes greet pumpkin shoppers at many locations — regardless if they're hunting for the bright orange round spheres to make a jack-o-lantern or the more elongated, duller variety more suited for making that delicious filling for pie topped with cinnamon.

Just a few of these pumpkin people are found on the accompanying page.

The reclining and sitting people can be found at the Pfautz farm market along Rt. 222 north of Ephrata.

It's easy to see where the T-shirt-clad couple can be found between Lititz and Manheim.

But pumpkins provide an appropriate seasonal decoration in other ways, too. Lining a fence with hanging Indian corn, pumpkins greet visitors to the Ulrich Farm Market near Kleinfeltersville in Lebanon County.

And with blossoming flower beds, shocked corn stalks and vegetables of all types, the Ulrich market pleases the eye as much as it will the palate.

And south of Ephrata, six-year-old Stephen Garinan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garman, totes another large pumpkin to the massive pile lining their lane near the new K-Mart store.

