



The largest pumpkin award goes to Gene Bonner, right, from Oakland. With Gene, from left, are Ken Ludwig, judge; second-place winner Scott Hibbs from Edgewood 4-H Club, and Chester Williams, judge.



Emily Merritt of Milford 4-H Club won prizes in both the carved face and the pumpkin recipe non-dessert.

Great Pumpkin Roundup

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.)—Bucks County 4-H recently held its annual Great Pumpkin Round-Up. The Pumpkin Project is open to all youth between the ages of 8-19 in Bucks County. Youth receive seeds, plants, a 4-H project book, and several newsletters throughout the growing season. At harvest time participants can enter any of the various classes with their pumpkin creations. Categories were: largest pumpkin, most uniform pair of pumpkins, best carved face, best painted face, and best pumpkin recipes including sub-divisions for desserts and non-desserts.

Each year the Burpee Seed Company donates a variety of fresh pumpkin seeds for the Bucks County 4-H program. Ken Ludwig, head of commercial seed sales for Burpee Seeds, and Chester Williams, a Bucks County Cooperative Extension master gardener, acted as the judges for the Great Pumpkin Round-Up held at the Churchville Nature Center's Annual Pumpkin Festival.

The largest pumpkin was grown by 11-year-old Gene Bonner from the Oakford 4-H club. His pumpkin weighed in at 89½ lbs. and was grown from Burpee Prizewinner seed. Second place went to Scott Hibbs from Yardley, Julia Krout from the Hilltown 4-H club placed third.

Best carved face went to nine-year-old Emily Merritt of the Milford 4-H club. Runner-up in this category was Heather Gordon from the Yardley 4-H club.

Best painted face was won by eight-year-old Allison Ball from the Milford 4-H club. Second place went to Chris Christensen, 12, from Plumsteadville.

Scott Hibbs, a member of The



Allison Ball of Milford 4-H Club shows off the winning entry in the painted face category.

Edgewood 4-H club had the best entry in the uniform pairs category, with Christ Christensen coming in a close second.

Winning pumpkin recipes were submitted by Emily Merritt (1st place non-dessert entry) and Chris Christensen (best pumpkin dessert entry).

Baked Pumpkin Soup submitted by Emily Merritt

5 pounds pumpkin (with stem)
1 can or 12 ounces of chicken broth
1 can or 16 ounces of pumpkin puree
2 cups heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon white pepper
a pinch of ground mace
a pinch of ground nutmeg
Preheat oven to 375F.
Clean out the inside of the

pumpkin. Pour the chicken broth and pumpkin puree into a mixing bowl. Use a whisk to mix together. Add the cream to the mix. Then add the salt, pepper, mace, and nutmeg. Mix again until well blended.

Pour mixture into your hollowed-out pumpkin. Position your pumpkin on a cookie sheet and place in the oven for 40 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Aloha Pumpkin Cake submitted by Chris Christensen

1 2/3 cups sugar
1 cup salad oil
4 eggs beaten
1 1/2 cups cooked pumpkin
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
2 cups flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup pineapple, crushed and drained

Beat together sugar and oil. Mix in eggs and pumpkin. Stir in dry ingredients. Then add nuts and coconut. Pour into greased oblong pan and bake in 350F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until cake tests done. Frost with cream cheese icing.

Cream Cheese Icing

1/4 stick butter
8 oz. package cream cheese
3 cups confectionary sugar
1/4 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup flaked coconut
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cream butter and cream cheese. Gradually add sugar and vanilla. Stir in nuts and coconut. Spread evenly over cooled cake.



Chris Christensen of Danboro 4-H is the winner in the dessert entry.

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