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PARADE

Food, Crafts, Kidz Zone

LIVE MUSIC

Giant Produce Weigh-Off

Pumpkin Recipe Contest



OCTOBER 2-3, 2026



LIVE MUSIC

The Embers with Craig Woolard

John Weber Music

Real Rowdy Band with Robert Hunter

The Main Event Band



PUMPKIN RECIPE CONTEST • Friday, Oct. 2, 2026

Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church of Spring Hope



Prizes: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25
Entry must be delivered between 9-10:30 a.m.
Judging begins at 10:45 a.m.

Contest Contact: Amy Parker - (252) 813-0479

CONTEST RULES:

- 1. Recipe must include at least 1 cup of pumpkin.
- 2. Judging will be based on: Taste (40%), 1 cup of Pumpkin (30%), Texture, (10%), Appearance (10%), and Creativity (10%).
- 3. Directions for preparing the dish must be clear; measurements should be in customary units; using fractions if needed. Also include pan size, cooking temperature, cooking time, number of servings, and any additional information/directions.
- 4. Recipe must use ingredients

- readily available in local grocery stores.
- 5. Type or legibly write recipe on an 8 1/2 X 11" sheet of paper.
- 6. IMPORTANT - List the following information on the backside of the recipe sheet: Name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address if available
- 7. Professional bakers may not enter the contest.
- 8. Entry must be in a single dish, no decorative extras allowed.
- 9. Name of contestant should not be visible anywhere on the entry container.
- 10. Deliver entries to First Baptist

- Church of Spring Hope between 9:00-10:30 am.
- 11. Insulated containers are encouraged for transportation to keep food hot/cold.
- 12. NOTE: Late entries will not be accepted.
- 13. Judging will begin at 10:45 am.
- 14. Prizes will be awarded at 11:50 am (or when judging is complete.)
- NOTE: Arrangements should be made to have your dish picked up by 11:45 am.

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Greek & Mediterranean Cuisine - Steak and Cheese Gyro, Polish & Italian Sausage, Turkey Leg, Chicken Tenders, Fries, Loaded Blooming Onion, Loaded Nachos, Corn Dog, Loaded Fries, Butterfly Chips, Lemonade, Sweet & Unsweet Tea

The Funnel Cake Shack - Funnel Cakes, Red Velvet Funnel Cakes, Oreo Funnel Cakes, Fried Oreos, Fried Honey Bun, Fried Cheesecake, Homemade Lemonade and Strawberry lemonade.

Paps Catering & Food Truck - Deep Fried Ribs, Deep Fried Chicken Wings, Loaded Fries, Sweet Potato Hush Puppies

William's Kettle Corn - Kettle Corn, Lemonade

Sunset Slush Italian Ice - Rainbow USA, Blue Raspberry, Cherry, Cotton Candy, Mango, Lemon Lime Italian Ice

Bakers Brew Coffee Wagon - Coffee, Tea Lattes, Hot Chocolate, Lattes, Cappuccino, Americano, Macchiato, Frappe, Lemonade

Spring Hope Fire Department - Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks

Hoodbachi & Moore - Chicken, Steak, Shrimp Hoodbachi, Yum Yum and Ginger Sauce, Sweet Carrots, Lemonade

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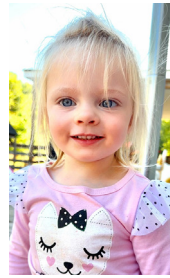


Spring Hope Pumpkin Pageant Contestants

BABY MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Adelina
Salvador



Evelyn
Dugas

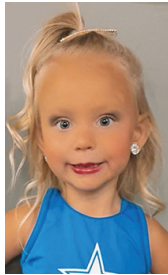


Georgia
Mae Brown

TINY MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Hadleigh
Denton



Tatum
Patterson



Morgan Moody



Payton Snider



MISS MINI PUMPKIN QUEEN



Ayda "Scout"
Brown



Melanie
"Lanie"
Brown



Jacynta
Christian



Harper Cahill

LITTLE MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Reese Park



Layton Averette



Lucy Pritchard

JUNIOR MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Adalyn "Addie"
Wood

TEEN MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Molly Wheeler

MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN



Faith Rich



Madison Van
Orden



SPRING HOPE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL 2026-2027 QUEENS



2026-2027 Spring Hope Pumpkin Queen Winners

Georgia Brown - Baby Miss Pumpkin Queen
Tatum Patterson - Tiny Miss Pumpkin Queen
Harper Cahill - Mini Miss Pumpkin Queen
Reese Park - Little Miss Pumpkin Queen
Addie Wood - Junior Miss Pumpkin Queen
Molly Wheeler - Teen Miss Pumpkin Queen
Madison Van Orden - Miss Pumpkin Queen

Sweetheart Princess (People's Choice)
Andy "Scout" Brown
Lanie Brown won Photogenic Award





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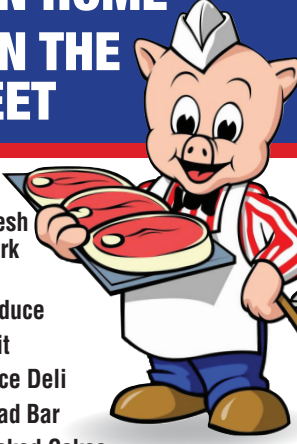
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Downtown Spring Hope • October 2-3

MUSIC, FOOD, FAMILY FUN

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 2ND

5pm Festival opens

5pm Kidz Zone, Food Vendors open

6pm The Embers with Craig Woolard

9pm Festival closes

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 3RD

8am..... Giant Produce Weigh Off check-in

9am..... Festival opens

9am..... Giant Produce Weigh Off begins

9am..... Craft/Food Vendors and Kidz Zone opens

10am..... John Weber music

NOON..... PARADE

1pm Real Rowdy Band with Robert Hunter

1-3pm..... PAINT A PUMPKIN!

4pm The Main Event Band

7pm Festival closes



John Weber

The Kidz Zone will be located to the right of the stage in Downtown Spring Hope, beside the Train Depot. The area will include Bouncy Houses, Obstacle Courses, Slides, Axe Throwing, Foam Parties and more.

Kidz Zone is open during ALL festival hours. We are proud to have the Kidz Zone FREE to the public!

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The Main Event Band

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5th	\$150

Pumpkin Purse: \$3,200

GIANT WATERMELON

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3rd	\$200
4th	\$100
5th	\$50

Watermelon Purse: \$1,750

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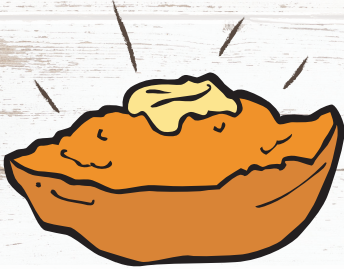
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