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Two Tons of pumpkins Entered into Great Pumpkin Contest

Two tons of pumpkins were entered into the 2nd annual Great Pumpkin Contest in San Luis Obispo on Thursday, October 18, at the San Luis Obispo Downtown Farmers Market.

Top Ten Heaviest Pumpkins:

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| 1. Brian Evans, 606lbs., San Luis Obispo | \$750.00 prize Coast National Bank |
| 2. Rick Tibben, 580 lbs., Nipomo | \$500 prize Coast National Bank |
| 3. Randy Cavanaugh, 562 lbs., Arroyo Grande | \$250 prize Coast National Bank |
| 4. Jodi Evans 509 lbs., San Luis Obispo | |
| 5. Matt Ortiz 395 lbs., Nipomo | |
| 6. Dave Righetti 369 lbs, San Luis Obispo | |
| 7. Ty Evans 356, lbs., Morro Bay | |
| 8. Rick Lehnhoff 345 lbs., Templeton | |
| 9. Erin Walters 338 lbs., San Luis Obispo | |
| 10. Carri Lehnhoff 332 lbs., Templeton | |

Most Beautiful Pumpkin: Robyn Righetti, San Luis Obispo \$250 prize Farm Supply

Most Unusual Pumpkin: Carri and Rick Lehnhoff, Templeton \$250 prize Farm Supply

Heaviest 4-H Pumpkin: Whitney Lehnhoff, 375 lbs., Templeton \$250 prize Kellogg Garden Products

Heaviest FFA Pumpkin: Allie Flores, 169 lbs., Atascadero \$250 prize Kellogg Garden Products

Officials from the San Luis Obispo County Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures and the Cal Poly BioResources and Ag Engineering department were on hand to certify the results, while local celebrity judges awarded prizes in the most beautiful and most unusual categories sponsored by Farm Supply. The top three heaviest pumpkins rolled home with a share of \$1,500 from Coast National Bank, while, a special prize was awarded to the heaviest pumpkin grown by a 4-H and FFA student sponsored by Kellogg Garden Products. The contest was emceed by local country radio stars, Chad Stevens and Andy Morris of the "Good Time Gang", from Cat Country 96.1. Look for the 2008 Great Pumpkin Contest next October. Thank you to all our Sponsors!

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