

PICKING PUMPKINS

Pumpkin patches offer more fun than any store

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Anybody can go to the grocery store and pick out a pumpkin.

But for the true Halloween experience, there are plenty of local pumpkin patches where individuals can find that perfect pumpkin just in time for the big night.

Sauvie Island Farms.

One of the best Halloween endeavors is visiting Sauvie Island Farms. This family-friendly farm not only has a great pumpkin patch, but also offers hayrides and a

corn maze. In addition, it boasts one of the scariest haunted corn mazes in the area. With ghosts and chainsaw killers jumping from the corn, it is sure to strike fear into the heart of anyone brave enough to venture into the maze.

Also on the property is a country store that sells locally-made syrups and jams and fresh produce. Kids will enjoy the barn, where all sorts of farm animals are kept for viewing.

The Sauvie Island Farm is located on 19818 NW Sauvie Island Rd. For more information, e-mail david@sauvieislandfarms.com or call 503-612-3015.

The Flower Farmer

Another pumpkin patch a little closer to the Oregon

City area is the Flower Farmer, in Canby. Besides a pumpkin patch, the farm boasts a mountain made of straw bales for children to

climb, as well as the highlight of the farm: a working train that will take people to and from the patch.

On the weekends, farm animals are on hand for children to pet. A red barn also holds a store where refreshments like kettle corn and hot apple cider are sold.

The Flower Farmer is located at 2512 N. Holly Street, in Canby. For more information, call 503-266-3581.

Picking the right pumpkin

Location aside, what does the perfect pumpkin look like? What color and shape should it possess?

That depends on the pattern for carving. If the desired pattern is vertical, look for a pumpkin that is

taller instead of wider, and vice versa.

For a visually appealing pumpkin, look for a deep, even orange color.

Flaws in a pumpkin don't necessarily disqualify it for picking. If it has a flat side, make that side the back, or if it is in good condition - that is, with no rotting spots - incorporate it into the design.

Make sure that the flesh of the pumpkin is firm and won't bend easily.

All of these qualities will ensure that the pumpkin will last at least a couple of weeks.

This Halloween, don't wait with Linus for the Great Pumpkin to come - enjoy your beautifully carved pumpkins fresh from these great patches.

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ABOVE: Young women search for the perfect costume at Halloween Express. LEFT: A model poses for the cover of a Halloween costume package.



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Cleavage, short skirts? Women's Halloween costumes show more skin

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Halloween: that special time of year when ghosts and ghouls come out to haunt the night, children are allowed to accept candy from strangers and many women throw their morals right out the window.

Now, why is it that women seem to choose Halloween of all days to dress like sluts?

It appears that, despite whether they dress as a pirate, a police officer, a zombie, a construction worker, a Catholic school girl, a nun, an auto mechanic or even a stripper, the costume is always "sexy."

Clackamas students have varying

opinions on the topic. Some are opposed to the idea of women dressing seductively for the holiday, including Michael Mitchell, who believes "it is wrong."

Another student, Rebecca Sweesy, theorizes that women are "trying to please people" in an attempt to be popular.

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