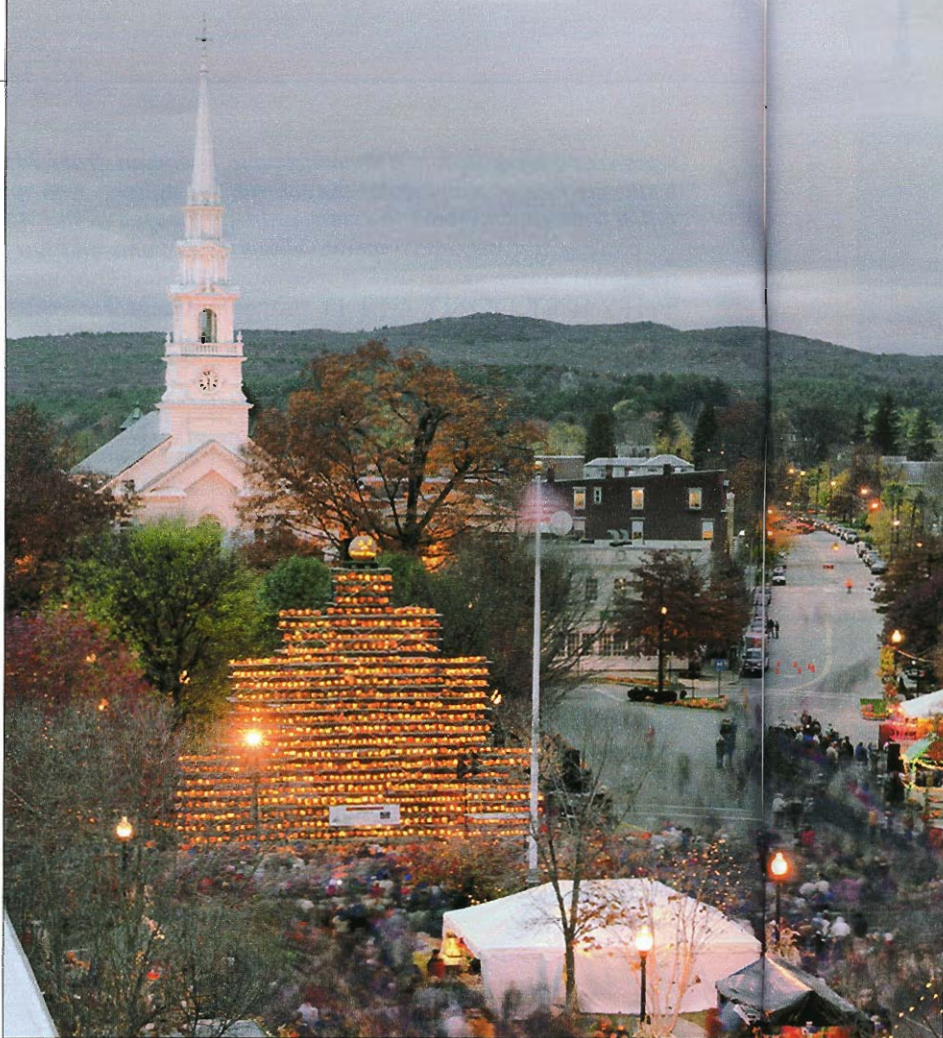
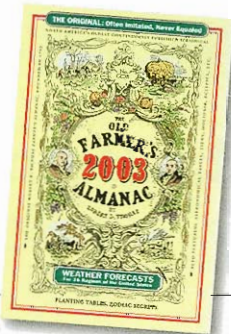


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*The Keene, New Hampshire, Pumpkin Festival, an annual event since 1991, just keeps growing. Current record: 23,727 lit pumpkins on display—and thousands of spectators, too. Oct. 26, 10-10; free. 603-358-5344. [www.centerstagenh.com](http://www.centerstagenh.com)*

## First Annual Vermont Mushroom Festival

Wild mushrooms are growing in popularity, and Vermont's woods and fields are home to over 300 edible varieties, from morels to maitakes, chanterelles to chicken of the woods. Now Vermont has a festival celebrating the mushroom's culinary, medicinal, and other uses, in the Northeast Kingdom village of Albany (pop. 700). October 4 is dedicated to children's activities; October 5 and 6 feature workshops and demonstrations suitable for families.

*Vermont Mushroom Festival, 802-249-9749. Sponsored by Northeast Kingdom Mushroom Society and the Greater Albany Community. [www.vermontmushroomfestival.com](http://www.vermontmushroomfestival.com)*

