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Issue

Pumpkin Dispatch

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Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee
P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

Save the Dates:
50th Annual Festival
October 26 – 30,
2011

Festival Committee
7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Center

Use the Somonauk
Street entrance and go
down the back staircase.

2011 Meetings:

January 19*
February 16
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19*
November 16
December 21
***Vendor meeting &**
2011 Board elections

Important Vendor Dates:

September 21, 2011
Deadline for Vendor
Application

**ALL vendor forms are
on the PF website.**

October 19, 2011
Mandatory
Vendor Meeting

"50 Fabulous Years of Pumpkins"

50th Pumpkin Festival Theme Contest



The Pumpkin Festival Board wishes to thank the 261 Sycamore students who submitted theme ideas this year. It is always a difficult selection process to find just one theme since there are so many creative entries!

Hanna Diehl (white jacket), a 4th grader from North Elementary was the winner of the 50th Pumpkin Fest theme contest.

She received \$50, a framed certificate, a set of postcards, a memorial plate, an engraved medallion and the opportunity to ride in the festival parade. Her school will receive a \$100 check.

Honorable mentions went to Sarah Klump (left), a 5th grader from Cornerstone Christian Academy, and Blake Novinsky (middle), a 2nd grader from North Elementary. They each received \$25, a framed certificate, a set of postcards, a memorial plate, an engraved medallion and the honor of riding in the PF parade.

Congratulations also to the following semifinalists who received certificates and medallions:

Cornerstone Christian Academy: Savannah Burns and Faith Sutton.
North Elementary: Aiden Dempsey, Adyson Hull, and Blake Novinsky.
North Grove Elementary: Madisyn Grever, Joslin Peck, and Lucas Suppenant.
St. Mary's: Emilio Arroyo, Emily Grace Puentes, and Brogan Welsh.
South Prairie Elementary: Jordyn Crofoot, Mackensie Lennartz, and Kjelden Breidenbach.
Southeast Elementary: Jessie Madsen and Allison Vidales.
Sycamore Middle School: Cassie Hunt, Kiyas Kousoulas, and Megan Meyer.
West Elementary: Austin Brannon, Alyssa Cooley, and Nicolo Morsello.



Friend of the Festival: Browns' County Market

The Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Board is proud to announce the 50th "Friend of the Festival" award to Browns' County Market. Browns' has been in Sycamore, IL since 1945. Currently Dan Brown is the manager of the store in Sycamore, Stephen runs the store in Wasillia, Alaska, and Robera Brown Smith manages the new one in Genoa, IL.

Beginning in 1997 the Brown family began baking and decorating the Pumpkin Festival cakes according to each year's theme. Today these two very large cakes are on display during the decorated pumpkin check-in on the Wednesday before Pumpkin Festival. All persons coming to the Courthouse that evening are treated to a piece of Browns' delicious cake! *In 2010, Browns' County Market received the Sycamore Chamber Vision Award because it had thirty or more employees and practices strong business ethics. Congratulations to Browns' County Market!*

Special Vendor Items for 50th Pumpkin Festival

The Pumpkin Fest Board has approved the following new vendor items for the 50th Pumpkin Festival. If other non-profits wish to have their specialty items included in future newsletter issues, please contact Kate Storey at katelstorey@gmail.com. **Remember, if the PF logo is used in any items, pre-approval is needed from the Pumpkin Festival Committee at a monthly meeting before October 2011.**



Sycamore Lions Club

Special downtown street banners can be ordered from the Lions Club and include a family, organization, or business name on the extension draped just below the banner for \$150. They will be displayed on streetlight poles beginning September 15, 2011 and given to the owners after the Pumpkin Festival. The banners will be available in orange or black. For more information and an application, email John Swedberg at john_swedberg@hotmail.com.

ABC Preschool

Erica Snodgrass is a life-long resident of Sycamore and the designer of the ABC Preschool PF 50th flag. Her family has always treated Pumpkin Fest as a major holiday and Wally holds a special place in her heart. In creating the design, she wanted to make sure that Wally was represented for his vision of Pumpkin Fest some 50 years ago.

Advanced sales are possible by downloading the order form from www.abcpreschool.org/pumpkinfestflags.html. The flags, only available in orange, will also be sold at Paulsen Appliances and Kar Fre Flowers, at the ABC Preschool booth at the Sycamore United Methodist Church Craft Show, and also at the Pumpkin Festival parade on Sunday.



National Bank & Trust

Each year the National Bank & Trust sells newly designed Pumpkin Festival license plates with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the Festival. These specialty plates can be displayed on your car from September through the Sunday of Pumpkin Fest.

This year's design was crafted by Erica Snodgrass who also designed the ABC Preschool flags. A special thanks to Erica for such a terrific design! To order in August, go to www.nabatco.com or stop by the Main or Coltonville Branch.

New Pumpkin Festival Board Members!

The Board welcomes Kathy Skyles and Dean Jones from *Stomp* as representatives from the Sycamore Chamber of Commerce.



Special Pumpkin Fest 50th Anniversary Events

Pumpkin Fest Board members have been discussing special events for the 50th anniversary. So far we are planning for a **Saturday evening concert**, October 29, 2011, at Sycamore Park, followed by **fireworks**. The Saturday June Band will perform and if it rains, these two events will happen on Sunday, October 30. The Sycamore Park District staff is also planning on selling **food** during the events.

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Newsletter - Kate Storey

Parade/Bands - Mike Anderson, Bart Desch, K.O. Johnson, & Jerome Perez

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Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl