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Pumpkin Dispatch

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

Save the Dates:
49th Annual Festival
October 27 – 31,
2010

Festival Committee
7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Center

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

2010 Meetings:

July 21
August 18
September 15*
October 20*
November 17
December 15

*Important Vendor Dates:

September 15
Deadline for Vendor
Application

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

October 20
Mandatory
Vendor Meeting

49th Pumpkin Festival Theme: *Pumpkins Across America*



On Wednesday, May 19, 2010, this year's theme winner, **Courtney Voigt**, was announced. Courtney is a first grader at South Prairie School and for the second time in a row, a Cortland child was the theme winner! She received a plaque, \$50, her name added to the theme trophy, and the opportunity to ride in the Pumpkin Festival parade on October 31, 2010. Her school received \$100 for student programs.

Honorable mention awards went to **Cameron Godinsky**, *Pumpkin Picassos*, from Sycamore Middle School, and **Celia Carpenter**, *Pumpkin Enchantment*, from Southeast. They each received a plaque, \$25, and will ride in the parade too.

What a thrill for the children this year because **Mr. Pumpkin, Wally Thurow**, was in Sycamore to celebrate with them!

There were 262 theme entries this year. Jennifer Diehl, chair of the theme contest committee, said three entries were selected from each of the following schools: North Grove, West, North, Southeast, Middle School, South Prairie, and St. Mary's. There were no submissions this year from the home school group or Cornerstone. The committee narrowed the 262 entries down to the following 21 semi-finals; each student received a certificate:

North: Alexis Anderson, Ally Versluys, Nathan Flaherty

North Grove: Emily Davis, Aaron Jacobs, Blake Ross

St. Mary's: Matthew Cusumano, Kenneth Fleming, Paighton Welsh

South Prairie: Essie McMahon, Courtney Voigt, Ashlee Mecklenburg

Southeast: Celia Carpenter, Kelsey Mulligan, Laramie O'Sullivan

Sycamore Middle School: Lauren Coon, Cameron Smith, Cameron Godinsky

West: Nick McKay, Ben Crobbe, Aiden Gineman

No Bus Service in 2010

In 2010 the Pumpkin Festival Committee will not be providing bus transportation as in years past due to increased costs and disappointing ridership over the last two years. In this economy the committee feels the money spent on bus transportation can be better utilized to promote the event.

