

Please Join Us For The  
46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sycamore Pumpkin Festival  
October 24-28, 2007

## The Pumpkin Dispatch

July 2007

### 2007 Theme Contest Winner

**Emily Egerman,  
South Prairie School**

### “Pumpkin Dreams”



**Honorable Mentions:**  
**Katherine Kohler, North Elementary**  
**Henry Johnson, St. Mary's** (not pictured)

### 2007 Theme Contest

#### Semi-Finalists:

*From Cornerstone –*  
Rae Anne Rhule, Charlotte Sylvia,  
Emily Stuebing;  
*From North Elementary –*  
Jacquelyn Kellar, Francesca Prospero;  
*From St. Mary's –*  
Bella Bliujus, Alexa Farris;  
*From South Prairie –*  
Alyssa Hemmerich, Jordyn Shultz;  
*From Southeast –*  
Nathan Petit, Wendy Tritt,  
Brianna Cada;  
*From Sycamore Middle School –*  
Beau Baert, Joey Thompson,  
Ashlyn Gardner;  
*From West Elementary –*  
Lindsey Yunker, Cody Croom,  
Stephie Klewin

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER~**

**Mandatory Vendor Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**October 17 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sycamore Center**

Please make sure someone  
attends this meeting to represent  
your club or organization!

## Meet the 2007 Friends of the Festival

### *George & Joann Spartz*

George and Joann Spartz have been involved with the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival beginning in the early 1980's when they started Boy Scout Troop # 40's baked potato sale during the festival.

Joann Spartz began her involvement with the Pumpkin Festival Committee as a vendor with Boy Scout Troop # 40's baked potato sale. She attended many of the PFC meetings before and after the festival. Joann joined the Pumpkin Festival Committee in 1992 and was chairperson of various committees during her 11 years on the committee, including 3 years as Parade Chair. She was the President of the committee from 1994-1996.

George has been involved with the Pumpkin Festival in a number of ways. He has helped hang the pumpkin festival banners, pulled floats in the parade, and worked on crowd control. George has been a volunteer fireman with the Sycamore Fire Department for over 45 years.

## Festival Committee Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Sycamore Center. Use the Somonauk Street entrance and go down back staircase.

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17 – Mandatory Vendor Meeting

November 21

December 19

If you have received this newsletter for your organization and are no longer the contact person, please pass on to the current contact and provide us with the new contact information.

Thank you.

**Vendor Application Deadline –**

**September 18**

**Parade Entry Deadline –**

**September 18**

***Please remember that insurance is required for vendor permits or parade participation.***

## FEATURED PUMPKIN RECIPE

### Pumpkin Cookies



(Makes 3-4 dozen)

1 c shortening (Crisco)  
½ c brown sugar  
½ c sugar  
1 c solid pack pumpkin  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla  
½ tsp salt  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 c flour  
1 c chopped pecans

Cream sugars and shortening. Add pumpkin, egg, and vanilla mixing well. Add rest of ingredients. Drop by spoonful on un-greased sheet. Bake for 10 minutes until set. Cool. May frost if desired with cream cheese frosting or peneuche frosting.

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[www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com](http://www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com)

### Festival Committee Contacts

President -	Rick Poe	895-2783
Vice President -	Traci Gardner	751-9160
Secretary –	Lenita Hepker	895-9223
Treasurer-	Jerome Perez	899-2166

### Committee Chairs

**Theme Contest –** *Traci Gardner /Lenita Hepker*

**Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court –** *Bob O'Keefe*

**Brochures –** *Kim Timmer*

**Publicity/Newsletter –** *Lenita Hepker*

**Parade –** *Randy Panzer/Cary Singer/Al John*

**Bus Service -** *Mike Liszka*

**Permits/Health Department –**  
*Jerome Perez/Traci Gardner*

**Information Booth –** *Rick Poe*

**Banners –** *Jerry Malmassari*

**Carnival –** *Julie Brannon*

**Historian –** *Jerry Malmassari*