

The Pumpkin Dispatch

June 2008

Join us for the
47th Annual
Sycamore
Pumpkin Festival



Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee

P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

2008 Theme Announced "Pumpkintopia!"



This year's 24 contest semi-finalists:

Sycamore Middle School: Jalien Bueno, Paige Phelps, Francesca Prosperd

North: Falon Findley, Anna Robben, Travix Schubert

Southeast: Courtney Mulligan, Nathan Petit, Jack Weaver

South Prairie: Celia Carpenter, Jacob Edwards, Shannon Edwards

West: Lucas McKay, Dustin Slider, Jacob Timmer

St. Mary's: Kameron Lang, Brittany Moudy, Paighton Welsh

Cornerstone Christian: Kelsey Leach, Kelly Johnson, Seth Taylor

Sycamore Home Schools: Ellyn Heegaard, Lisa Heegaard, Ruth Heegaard

The Festival Committee would like to thank the 166 students who entered this year's theme contest! Narrowing the creative efforts down to one selection is always a fun process. We are proud to announce our 2008 winner as "Pumpkintopia" by Falon Findley, a fifth grader at North School. In coming up with her theme, Falon looked to her backyard for inspiration and thought "pumpkins just want to have fun." Honorable Mentions went to Shannon Edwards and Lucas McKay.

Festival Committee Meeting Schedule

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

July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17
January 21, 2009

Dates to
Remember

**Vendor Permit
Deadline – Sept.
17th**

**Parade Permit
Deadline – Sept.
17th**

**Mandatory Vendor
Meeting – Oct. 15th**

Parade – Oct. 26th

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2008 Friend of the Festival

Barbara Leach

The Pumpkin Festival Committee has named Barbara Leach its “Friend of the Festival” for the 47th Pumpkin Festival to be held October 22nd through October 26th.

Barbara served on the Pumpkin Festival Committee for eight years, beginning in 1998. During that time she served as Chairperson for the Bus, Publicity and Permit Committees; served as Secretary, Vice-President, and as the Pumpkin Festival Committee President from 2001 until 2003. Barbara finished her last three years on the committee as the Festival’s City Council Representative. “It was a wonderful experience. Everyone on the committee loved the festival and dedicated countless hours to its success,” says Leach.

Barbara Leach has served the community in many ways. She taught for seven years at Sycamore Junior High and now teaches high school at Cornerstone Christian Academy. She was President of the Sycamore Tourism Committee, a member of the library board and served as Third Ward Alderman on the Sycamore City Council. She currently serves on her church mission team. She is married to Scott and has two children, Taylor and Kelsey.



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New in parade news: Neighborhood/Family prize for floats! The Parade Committee recently announced an additional prize bracket to parade entries. This year 1st – 3rd place will be awarded trophies and cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, with the entry fee being waived.

In vendor news, we are happy to report that costs for DeKalb County inspections actually decreased this year from \$50 to \$40!

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Please check our website for any changes that need to be made to the schedule or activities! If information needs to be updated, contact our webmaster at sycamorejerry@comcast.net as quickly as possible. With your help we can provide the most accurate information to the public for a successful festival.

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	Publicity/Newsletter – Melissa Turner
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