

The Pumpkin Dispatch

September 2007

Meet the 2007 Grand Marshal



Tom Oestreicher

Tom was born and raised in Aurora, Illinois. Tom and his wife Marilyn have been married for 37 years and have two children and four grandchildren. Tom taught high school for many years and also worked in sales and marketing. Eventually Tom and Marilyn bought a restaurant (Tommy O's) in Sycamore and owned it for 15 years until the spring of 2005. Tom was involved with Pumpkin Festival for many years giving free ice cream sundaes to the 1st place winners of the Sycamore Lions Club Decorated Pumpkin contest.

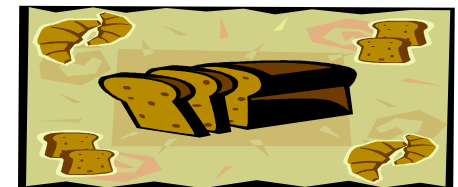
Tom is an author, historian, lecturer, and writing coach. He began writing ten years ago and his first book "Present and Accounted For" reached #1 Best Seller Status at Barnes and Noble in June, 2005. In December of that year the sequel "With Full Honors" was published. Tom has a third book "Plantation" that is due out soon.

FEATURED PUMPKIN RECIPE

Layered Pumpkin Bread

- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 cup plus 2 T sugar, divided
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 4 egg whites, divided
- ½ cup milk, skim
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 2 cups flour
- 2 ½ tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 pkg (8 oz) Neufchatel Cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin, 1 cup sugar, 3 egg whites, milk and oil. Add flour, baking powder, pie spice and salt. Stir just until moistened. In another bowl, beat Neufchatel cheese, remaining 2 T sugar and remaining egg whites with wire whisk until well blended. Spoon half of the pumpkin batter into greased loaf pan. Spoon cheese mixture over the batter. Cover with remaining pumpkin batter. Bake 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Run knife around edge of pan and then cool for ten minutes and then remove from pan to wire rack until cooled completely.



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.

September 19

October 17 – Mandatory Vendor Meeting

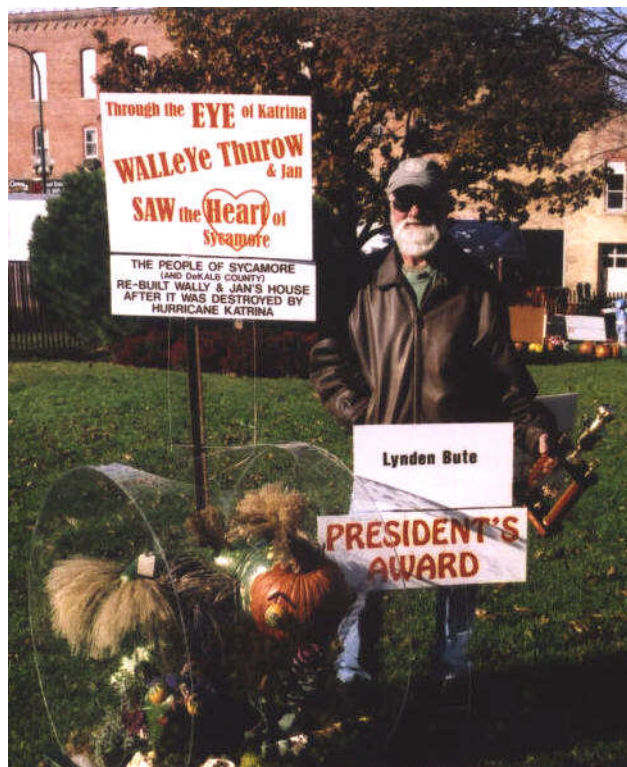
November 21

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.***



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!**

The Pumpkin Patch is a quarterly publication of the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee.

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