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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**

**49th Pumpkin Festival: *Pumpkins Across America***

## PF Grand Marshals: Rocko & Hammy

**Festival Committee**  
7:00 p.m.  
Sycamore Center

The Pumpkin Festival Committee is pleased to announce Rocko and Hammy as this year's parade Grand Marshals. Rocko, mascot for the Rockford Riverhawks, and Hammy, mascot for the Rockford Icehogs, will be an exciting addition to the PF parade this year!

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

Prior to riding in the parade at 1:00 pm on October 31, Hammy and Rocko will attend a "Meet the Mascots" event for fans and children from 11:00 am - noon by the PF information booth, located across from the Courthouse on Highway 64.

For more information about the mascots, please visit the teams' websites at [www.rockfordriverhawks.com](http://www.rockfordriverhawks.com) and [www.icehogs.com](http://www.icehogs.com).

### 2010 Meetings:

**October 20\***  
November 17  
December 15

## Let the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Begin!

Wednesday, October 27, from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, the Sycamore Lions Club & the Pumpkin Fest Committee will kick-off the Pumpkin Festival activities, rain or shine.

**4:00 pm - 9:00 pm** Decorated pumpkin will be checked in by the Sycamore Lions Club and displayed through Wednesday, Nov. 3.

**5:00 pm** Cake-cutting ceremony begins. Through the generous donation of Brown's County Market, two gigantic and very delicious cakes will be served to all in attendance.

\*Important Vendor  
Date:

October 20  
Mandatory  
Vendor Meeting

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



Mr. Pumpkin, Wally Thurow, congratulates 2010 theme winner, Courtney Voigt, a first grader at South Prairie Elementary School.



## Sycamore History Museum

1730 North Main Street

PO Box 502

Sycamore, IL 60178

[sycamorehistory.org](http://sycamorehistory.org)

This year's theme at the Sycamore History Museum is what makes Sycamore unique as a vibrant small town and of course they have included a display case full of Pumpkin Fest artifacts, one of the original PF banners signed by Wally Thurow, and the bike that Wally has ridden in so many PF parades. It's a great display and the rest of the house has a wonderful assortment of what makes Sycamore so special!

**The SHM is missing an official Pumpkin Fest button from 2009. If anyone would like to donate one and other PF memorabilia for the display, please contact the SHM at 815-895-5762.**

The next SHM theme beginning in July/August 2011 will focus on the history of Sycamore's manufacturing community, and they are already starting to collect artifacts for that display. If you have any articles, memorabilia, etc. to donate, please call the SHM.

There are many ways to volunteer your time at this wonderful museum! Contact the SHM or stop by if you haven't visited the museum before. It is amazing how much history and artifacts they have packed into a few small buildings.

Hours of operation vary by season. Please call for the up-to-date information. Group tours, reunions, etc. can be made by appointment.

On October 2 at 7:00 pm their final summer concert series will feature Kyle White and Kim Wheaton. This concert series was sponsored by the Mary E. Stevens Concert and Lecture Fund.



## Pumpkin Fest License Plates



The National Bank & Trust is currently selling the temporary PF license plates that can be displayed from now until October 31, 2010.

It's quite a deal for only \$25 a pair! 100% of the proceeds benefit the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival.

Go to [www.nabatco.com](http://www.nabatco.com) to order or stop by the NB&T in downtown Sycamore or the Coltonville Branch to place your order!

