Press Release
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Re: Pumpkinfest 2023
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This year marks the 27th anniversary of our popular Pumpkinfest event Save the dates of October 13, 14 and 15 and come to the Museum and Patee Park to share the fun with the entire family! We will light up Pumpkin Mountain on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm. A big thank you to Midwest Central Outdoor for again stepping up and providing the prizes for the children's annual costume contest, and to St. Joseph Hy-Vee for once again sponsoring the annual children's parade! As always, it will march on Saturday morning, October 14, at 11 am.

Some of the Main Stage lineup includes the Knobtown Skiffle Band, the Phil Vandel Band, BJ and Julia Talley's music and BJ's magic act, Will Stuck storytelling, Truth Academy Dancers, Tori and Avery Wist, new entertainment and the Whensday band. Gazebo entertainment includes Creatures by Theresa, Pony Express Therapy Dogs, the Hontz family, Benton High School Orchestra, the new Young Student Entertainers, and much, much, more! What a lineup - come and stay for a while and enjoy the festival and the entertainment!!

Please stop by and visit our many vendors during the festival, including Paul Kirkam's Balloon Art and the High Ball Rides. Stop by and see some of your favorites from past years. We're excited to announce participation from several new craft vendors this year - please be sure to stop in and welcome them to Pumpkinfest!

Please bring the little ones on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to the Children's Tent for free baby pumpkins and decorations or to the Pumpkin Shop where they can spend a little money to purchase gifts for family and friends. The Pony Express Prospectors will be back again this year, demonstrating how to pan for gold and other club activities all three days!

Financial assistance provided by the St. Joseph, MO Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Please visit the Museum website at <u>www.ponyexpress.org</u> for a complete schedule of Pumpkinfest 2023 events