

**Press Release**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Re: Pumpkinfest 2023**  
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This year marks the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pumpkinfest event. Save the dates of October 13, 14 & 15 to 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. The annual children's costume contest, sponsored by St. Joseph Hy-Vee, and parade is are back marching on Saturday morning at 11 am. The walking parade will have prizes for different age groups provided by Midwest Central Outdoor.

We're planning some great entertainment on the main stage and at the gazebo, both in Patee Park. A full schedule will be available soon with new and favorite returning entertainers on all stages.

Please stop by and visit our many food and craft vendors during the festival, including Paul Kirkam Balloon Art and High Ball Rides, new in 2023. Visit Orrick Acres Petting Zoo, Will Stuck, BJ Talley and much, much more.

Please bring the little ones on 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!

The Festival helps provide financial assistance for the Museum during slow travel months.