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WELCOME

The goal of the Pumpkin Festival has always been to “Gather and Give,” however, this year’s ‘gathering’ will look different but our Give Back to the community will be even greater. The goal for this year’s Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz has been to focus our Give Back on promoting our local brick and mortar businesses. With our new Talk of the Town restaurant and retail-themed experiences, newly added events, and even stronger partnerships with our sponsors and partners, we are excited to bring some of you and your family’s favorite experiences in a unique package.

Check out what we have planned for your favorite events in the pages of this Guidebook.

BE WELL AND STAY JAZZED!

Leigh Ann Brown

Leigh Ann Brown
Executive Director, Morton Chamber of Commerce

Catch us on Facebook @mortonpumpkinfestival and Instagram @mortonpumpkinfestival for updates leading up to the event. Can’t make one of the events? Check out our livestream available online at mortonpumpkinfestival.org!

Remember to hashtag #RoaringPumpkins
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Eve Ackerman
Jim Ackerman
John Ackerman
Bill Aupperle
Jacque Austin
Brent Baker
Tracey Baughman
Rachel Berchtold
Weston Berchtold
Brian Cardl
John Cirilli
Brian Cross
Songo Dede
Jamie Durdel
Nick Esser
Doug Fair
Nick Graff

Jenna Grimm
Kim Gryl
Rachel Guidera
Carole Hanlon
Clint Heinold
Clair Huette
Jenn Isbell
Don Jones
Roxy Klassen
Kelly Meals
Liz Meier
Wayne Menold
Whitney Menold
Aaron Miller
Amanda Miller
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The story of LIBBY’S® Pumpkin starts in 1867, when The Libby McNeill & Libby Company (LM&L) was founded as a meat canning business. In 1929, LM&L decided to expand into vegetable canning and purchased Dickinson & Company, a successful cannery in Morton, Washington, and Eureka, Illinois. As America discovered the many delicious ways to use pumpkin in their recipes, LM&L chose the city of Morton to expand their pumpkin business. The hard-working people, modern facilities and rich farmland led to Morton’s official claim to fame as the “Pumpkin Capital of the World.”

For more than 40 years, LIBBY’S® Pumpkin has been a proud member of the Nestlé family and is honored to have contributed to the exceptional growth of Morton and its famous Pumpkin Festival. For decades, LIBBY’S® has been a main ingredient in sweet and seasonal recipe favorites. As people discover the nutritional benefits of pumpkin, a food that is high in vitamin A and a good source of fiber, they are finding new and creative ways to include it in their meals all year round. Visit www.libbyspumpkin.com for delicious and nutritious recipes and to learn more about all that pumpkin can do!
Now more than ever, we have all learned the value of supporting our local businesses. That’s why this year we are introducing the new Talk of the Town Special program — showcasing all the delicious food, unique products, and fun events our Chamber member businesses offer. Visit these Chamber member businesses for exclusive offerings to celebrate Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz. A full regularly updated list is available at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/talk-of-the-town:

TASTE OF THE 20s
Baked Blessings by Lisa
111 W. Washington St., Pumpkin Sweets
Eli’s Coffee Shop
205 W. Jefferson, Lemonade Shake-Ups and Pumpkin Coffees and Baked Goods

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125 W. Jefferson, Morton Pumpkin Pride T-Shirt
Lulu’s On Main
213 S. Main St., Pumpkins and All That Jazz Candle
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120 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 11, Pumpkin Massages and Facials
Nena Ace Hardware & The Nook
901 Detroit Ave., LED Pumpkin & Pumpkin Home Decor

SPEAKEASY SOIRÉES
Morning Workout
Get pumped with BRelentless Training & Sports Performance on September 19 at 9 am, 10 am, & 11 am at Memorial Plaza!
French Toast Breakfast
Enjoy pumpkin french toast and sausage at Great Harvest on September 19 from 6:30 - 9:30 am

Let’s jazz up Morton like never before! Decorate your porch, storefront, or front yard for this year’s 2020 Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz theme! Sign up your business, organization, or residence as a decoration destination to be added to our virtual heat map and compete to have the Best Decorated Home or Business in town! Register online at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/all-jazzed-up. Need some inspiration? All Jazzed Up decoration party boxes from Sucré Sweets and Socials are available for preorder on the online Pumpkin Store.
YOUNG AUTHORS

Story Drop-Off Date: Friday, September 4
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Location: Morton Public Library

Do you have a young aspiring author or illustrator? We want to see their stories about the Morton Pumpkin Festival! We are partnering with the Morton Public Library for a special Young Authors competition. Stories will be judged and a top author and illustrator will be selected from each age group with the winning stories read on video by To The Moon And Back.

Register online at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/young-authors.

Thank you to Two Men and a Truck for their support!
Proud to be Part of the Morton Community

Since our origin in 1903 as a single hardware store on West Adams Street to the Morton Buildings of 2020, we are proud to be a part of the “roaring” Morton, Illinois community. As a 100% employee-owned company, we are all committed to being the industry leader with a focus on innovation, service, and quality, but most importantly, making sure our customers are completely satisfied with their decision to build a Morton building. To learn more about our company, our products and all that jazz, go to mortonbuildings.com.
MERCHANDISE

Our Pumpkin Store offers everything you’ll ever need to celebrate all things pumpkin before, during, and after Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz! Whether it’s clothes, souvenirs, or other merchandise, we have something for everyone at the Pumpkin Store!

For collectors, we will again have our theme-related lapel pin and coffee mug.

The Pumpkin Store will be open at the Morton Chamber Office, 415 W. Jefferson St., on Tuesday, September 8 through Saturday, September 19. Stop in and say the speakeasy code "Roaring Pumpkins is the cat’s pajamas" for a special treat.

The Pumpkin Store is also open online at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/store!

PUMPKIN STORE HOURS:
(Tuesday, September 8 - Saturday, September 19)
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 7 pm
Saturday, September 12: 8:30 am - 1 pm
Saturday, September 19: 8:30 am - 7 pm

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PROJECT PUMPKIN

Project Pumpkin is an endowment fund that the Morton Chamber of Commerce launched in 2013, in partnership with the Morton Community Foundation, to provide access to the Morton Pumpkin Festival for families in need in our community.

The Morton Chamber of Commerce is jazzed that our funded endowment increases support for 2020. A big thanks to all of our donors who helped make this possible!

To continue building this fund for future needs, these special Roaring Pumpkins bowties and headbands are available at the Pumpkin Store. 100% of the proceeds from these items will go to the Project Pumpkin fund.

Direct contributions to the Project Pumpkin Endowment Fund can also be made at the Morton Community Foundation.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR:
THE GREAT PUMPKIN PIN SEARCH

The kick-off to the Morton Pumpkin Festival is the Great Pumpkin Pin Search. This year, we are going bigger by hiding 20 more pins for 2020! This treasure hunt for the Festival Pins will begin the countdown to the Festival’s Opening Ceremony. Generations of Morton families look forward to this long-standing tradition each year.

Beginning six weeks prior to Roaring Pumpkins, thought-providing, clever clues to whereabouts of the Pumpkin Pins were released. The clues are posted weekly on the Morton Pumpkin Festival’s website (mortonpumpkinfestival.org), Facebook page (facebook.com/mortonpumkinfestival), and on the door of the Morton Chamber of Commerce office (located at 415 W. Jefferson).

The 2020 Great Pumpkin Pin Search Clues release on the following dates:

- Clue #1: August 7
- Clue #2: August 14
- Clue #3: August 21
- Clue #4: August 28
- Clue #5: September 4
- Clue #6: September 11

Every week, some of the 20 pins will be specifically referenced in the clues. All clues will reference the Grand Prize Pin.

Whenever someone finds a Pumpkin Pin, they must contact the Morton Chamber of Commerce for verification. Once a Pin is found, an announcement will be posted on the Festival’s website, Facebook page, and on the door of the Chamber office. Until an announcement is made by the Chamber, searchers are encouraged to maintain their search and not be swayed by others who claim to have found a Pin.

Pins will be hidden in a non-dangerous location on PUBLIC property (it will not be hidden on private property). Pins can be found anywhere outdoors in the vicinity of Morton. Individuals of all ages are encouraged to search for the Pins. If a searcher has already found a Pin, they may continue to search. Those that find the 20 numbered Pins will receive $20 in Chamber Checks. The person(s) who finds the Grand Prize Pin will receive $100 in Chamber Checks. Checks will be presented to the winners upon their verification of their find.
Love to scavenger hunt? Have you tried geocaching? Join the Pumpkin History and Mystery Geocaching Adventure, featuring some of Morton’s historical locations and landmarks. Find the cache (small container) hidden at these coordinates and log your name on the notepad provided inside. Find all twenty and submit your name on our website to be drawn for a Chamber Check.

Learn more at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/geocaching
Our thanks to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for their support on this project!

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   Though not the Bridge to Terabithia, entering this forest feels like entering a new magical land... |
| 2. | **Take Me Out to the Ball Game** (40.6341, -89.4802)  
   Can you get your Cracker Jacks here? Since the cache is at the Mike McDonald Field sign. |
| 3. | **When in Doubt, Pedal it Out** (40.6287, -89.4782)  
   Rainbow of color pedaling North, slow down to see the water tower and watch out for the fox! |
| 4. | **With Respect and Honor and Gratitude** (40.6423, -89.4819)  
   We proudly honor our Morton veterans and the opportunity to learn of historical artillery. |
| 5. | **Do you hear it?** (40.6127, -89.4540)  
   Scholars, Potters, Hawgs, Fine Arts, and top awarded Music are located here. |
| 6. | **Just for Kicks** (40.6149, -89.4316)  
   Upon entering from a sidewalk view to kick it around on forty acres with Ability, Motivation and Attitude. Is there a ball near that tree? |
| 7. | **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?** (40.6447, -89.4643)  
   Little Brown Bears in Morton since 1977. What about McDs? Since the cache is at the Mike McDonald Field sign. |
| 8. | **CAN you see me? You CAN find me!** (40.6129, -89.46518)  
   Peeking out from a nearby tree, see the Nestle canning plant, the top producer of Libby’s pumpkin products. Find this one and bring the label inside to the Morton Chamber Office for a LIBBY’S® keychain! |
| 9. | **First to Find or First to Furnish?** (40.6108, -89.4623)  
   Constructed in the 1920s and began as a Ford dealership before becoming a furniture and carpet business in the 1940s. |
| 10. | **Neither Snow, Nor Rain, Nor Heat, (nor the current location)** (40.6107, -89.46119)  
   You got mail, from the Village or the Post Office? One is old and one is new. |
| 11. | **Patriotically representing Morton students** (40.6087, -89.4597)  
   This patriot has a great view of the annual Pumpkin Festival! |
| 12. | **A-Perfect Sausage** (40.6108, -89.4616)  
   This location used to be the Central Meat Market, taking you from a perfect sausage to a perfect T! |
| 13. | **Gobble Gobble** (40.5889, -89.4752)  
   A holiday tradition for many, the main course before your Libby’s Pumpkin Pie. |
| 14. | **Let the Show Begin** (40.5880, -89.4769)  
   Originally opened in 1972 with showings increasing to five screens in the 1980s. |
| 15. | **Flames to Nurture Your Faith** (40.5910, -89.4645)  
   Can you see the circular stained glass window from the 1945 foundation location with current disciples gathered to worship, grow, and serve? |
| 16. | **You’re getting warmer...** (40.5980, -89.4560)  
   2020 didn’t fill up, but sights and sounds filled the air from the stage. |
| 17. | **North, _____, East, West** (40.5979, -89.4481)  
   Hut hut hike your way this direction! |
| 18. | **Underneath the tree nearby children play** (40.5967, -89.4466)  
   Is it time to reenact? You know the drill. |
| 19. | **Butterflies Welcome** (40.6059, -89.4553)  
   Educational signs, plants and beautiful wings, do you see? |
| 20. | **Love for Books and Your Lucky Penny** (40.6057, -89.4452)  
   Known for his integrity, honesty, love of books and knowledge and a champion of human rights and freedom. |
Reverse Parade
Pumpkin Market
Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Pumpkin Pedal
Drive-In Movie
Kiddie Parade
Pumpkin Weigh Off
Pumpkin Drive Thru
Pancake Breakfast Drive Thru
Kennel Lake
Pumpkin Store
Senior Appreciation Drive Thru
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Our thanks to the Village of Morton for supporting the Morton Pumpkin Festival!

Tune in to the Morton Pumpkin TV Channel for recaps and streams of these events!
ENTERTAINMENT CHANNEL

Tune in to our new Morton Pumpkin TV Channel, featuring footage from this year’s competitions, highlights from prior years, Morton history interviews and reflections, and so much more! Watch the channel regularly at mortonpumpkinfestival.org or on Channel 22 and 23 to catch something new each day!

Beginning September 4, tune in over Labor Day weekend for reflections on Morton’s history and a celebration of past Pumpkin Festivals.

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RECIPE CHALLENGE

Date: Wednesday, September 9
Time: Judging begins at 6:00 pm
Location: Freedom Hall

Does your recipe have what it takes to win this year’s LIBBY’S® Pumpkin Recipe Challenge? Don’t miss this opportunity for your recipe to be crowned as this year’s best!

This year’s competition features five categories: Junior (ages 10 to 17), Adult Sweet, Adult Savory, Professional, and the new Modern Pumpkin Pie. Only one entry per person! We are also excited to announce a new virtual competition to allow anyone from anywhere to enter their recipes. Recipes in this competition will be made at LIBBY’S® Pumpkin Headquarters and judged by Chef Meredith, Pastry Chef for Nestle’s Baking Division.

1st and 2nd Place in the Adult and Junior categories will receive $100 and $35 in Chamber Checks. Winners of these categories will also compete for the Overall Grand Prize. The winners of the Professional category will receive $150 in Chamber Checks but not be eligible for the Grand Prize.

On Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM, Eli’s Coffee Shop will host a meet and greet with the Grand Prize winner with a limited number of samples of their recipe that will be shared with those that attend.

Read more details about our newest category and competition rules at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-recipe-challenge.

Pre-registration is required.
We are working closely with the Tazewell County Health Department to host our Festival food locations, providing customers and volunteers a safe and fun environment to enjoy Festival foods provided by local businesses and community volunteers.

Although we will not have our Pumpkin Sweet Shop or Pumpkin Grill this year, you and your family will still have the opportunity to enjoy many of your favorite Festival foods at our drive thrus!

**PUMPKIN PANCAKE BREAKFAST DRIVE THRU**

**Date:** Saturday, September 19  
**Time:** 6 - 10 am  
**Location:** Jefferson Elementary School

The Pumpkin Pancake Drive Thru, hosted by Tazewell County Resource Center, is a beloved tradition at the Morton Pumpkin Festival. This year, you can pick up your pancake breakfast and breakfast sausage through our Pancake Breakfast Drive Thru located at Jefferson Elementary School, 220 E. Jefferson.

Breakfast is $8.50 and includes four pumpkin pancakes and two sausage links.

Order ahead online at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-pancake-breakfast.

Advanced orders are highly encouraged.
Located at the Former Sam Leman, 161 Detroit Ave.

PUMPKIN DRIVE THRU MENU

HOURS:
Thursday – Saturday: 11 am – 7 pm

Drive on up to the Pumpkin Drive Thru on Detroit Ave.! Want to skip the line? Call your orders ahead of time before pickup! Call (309) 263-2491 to place your orders before 2 pm Wednesday, September 16 - Saturday, September 19.

Pumpkin Pie Slice ..........................................$3.00
Pumpkin Pie Whole ....................................$12.00
Pumpkin Cupcake .........................................$2.50
Pumpkin Ice Cream Cup* ..............................$3.00
Pumpkin Ice Cream Quart*............................$8.00
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookie ..................$1.50
Music Note Sugar Cookie ..............................$2.00

* = made with Libby’s Pumpkin | Prices include sales tax and service fee

A special thank you for your services!

Our thanks to the MORTON ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB for helping at this year’s Drive Thru! The Booster Club is a volunteer organization supporting all approved high school athletic programs of the Morton Unit School District #709. Membership shall be open to all persons who have an interest in supporting Morton High School athletics.
CARNIVAL

FROM LEIGH ANN BROWN,
MORTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After much consideration and communication with the Department of Labor, county of officials, and our longtime carnival vendor, Big M Amusements, we have made the decision to not host a carnival this year in compliance with the Illinois Department of Health Phase 4 protocols and inability to receive a state permit.

We know the carnival rides, games, and food hold a special place in our community’s hearts. With the inclusion of new events and by still hosting many of our favorites, we hope that we will all have the opportunity to create some new memories. We will be extending our contract with Big M to next year and look forward to continuing our 54-year relationship with them.

PUMPKIN DONUTS

TRADITIONAL DONUTS
The traditional Festival donuts will be available for advanced order only at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/donuts and picked up September 8 - 11 at the Morton Chamber Office, 415 W. Jefferson. Quantities are limited.

Our thanks to Morton Youth Baseball Association and TCRC for helping with this year’s donut stands! Learn more about opportunities for getting involved with MYBA at mortonyouthbaseball.org and learn more about the services available to those in our community through TCRC at tcrorg.com.

DONUT STANDS
Kroger’s pumpkin donuts will be available at the Pepsi trailers stationed at our events and venues around town, including the Drive-In Movie Nights, Pumpkin Market, and more.
**PUMPKIN PEDAL**

**Date:** Saturday, September 12  
**Start Time:** 10:30 am and optional 9:00 am time  
**Location:** Better Banks

The Pumpkin Pedal, hosted by Better Banks, is a 5-mile family bike ride touring Morton, beginning and ending at Better Banks. There will be fun and activities for bikers of all ages. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Midwest Food Bank’s Tender Mercies meal packaging project.

To register, visit www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-pedal

Activities will be hosted with guidance from the most current guidelines provided by DCEO Restore Illinois.

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**PUMPKIN BBQ & BAGS**

**Date:** Saturday, September 12  
**Start Time:** 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Kennel Lake

Got the best cornhole team in central Illinois? Join Kennel Lake Sportsmen’s Club for the BBQ & Bags Tournament – a day of fun! Fifty percent of registration fees will be awarded to the winning team. Barbecue will be available in a drive thru with limited on-site outdoor seating available. Register your team online at https://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/bbq-bags/.  

Register your team by September 10 for a discount!

**SPONSORED & HOSTED BY:**
PUMPKIN FISHING DERBY

Date: Sunday, September 13
Time: 8 am - 11 am
Location: Kennel Lake

Hey all you anglers! Kennel Lake is proud to host this new Fishing Derby as part of Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz! Awards will be given per competition category for Biggest Single Fish (by weight) and Most Fish (by weight). Fishing is limited to bank fishing only.

Register on our website at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/fishing-derby

DESIGN-YOUR-OWN BACKYARD GAMES

Date: Sunday, September 13
Start Time: 1:30 pm
Location: Kennel Lake

Backyard games have made a real comeback over the past few months. Nothing is better than spending time with your family outside and having fun. We want to see you and your children’s creativity as they create the ultimate pumpkin backyard game. Categories are for ages 8 - 12, 13 - 16, and families. Games must be able to be assembled within 30 minutes, must be built by participants, and have pumpkins as part of their design. Learn more and sign up at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/backyard-games. Receive a special Nena’s Hardware discount upon registration!

MAZE

Can you find your way out of the Pumpkin Donut?
Good for 1 FREE designated Festival Pumpkin

For the Pumpkin Decorating Contest
(Appplies only to children who are residents of Morton or attend a Morton District 709 school)

Mondays – Saturdays:
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sundays:
Noon to 5:00 pm

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PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

PUMPKIN DROP-OFF
Date: Monday, September 14 from 3 - 6 pm
Tuesday, September 15 from 3 - 6 pm

Location: Bring your pumpkins to Ackerman Family Farms where they will be displayed through the rest of the week.

The Pumpkin Decorating Contest, sponsored by Ackerman Farms, is a favorite of local children and families. Use the listed coupon and visit mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-decorating-competition to register online.

And new this year, vote for your favorite pumpkin for a People’s Choice Award! Ballots are available for $5 onsite at Ackerman’s with money raised being donated back to the Festival endowment funds.

Check out this year’s maze at Ackerman’s!

SPONSORED BY:

PUMPKIN WEIGH OFF

Date: Tuesday, September 15
Time: 4 - 5:30 pm
Location: Corner of First Avenue and Jefferson Street

The Pumpkin Weigh Off, sponsored by LIBBY’S® Pumpkin, is a competition showcasing pumpkins of all sizes! Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the Giant King Pumpkin, the Queen Pumpkin, and the Tiniest Pumpkin grown by Morton children.

Anyone can enter the Mature Pumpkin Weighing Exactly 54 Pounds or the Open Class Giant Pumpkin competitions. The Open Class winner receives a $300 cash prize!

To participate, bring your pumpkin to the parking lot across from PNC Bank between 4 and 5:30 pm.

Pre-registration is encouraged and available online at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-weigh-off

SPONSORED BY:
BIG WHEEL RACE

Date: Tuesday, September 15
Registration: 5:30 pm
Race: Staggered times between 6 - 7:30 pm
Location: Washington Street, between Main Street and Plum Avenue

On your mark! Get set! Go!!!

The Big Wheels ride again at our annual Big Wheel Race, hosted by St. Jude Morton to Peoria Runners. This fun event for kids ages 10 and under is always a blast. Each racer receives a prize for participating.

Register your child online at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/big-wheel-race

This event will be safely hosted following the most current guidelines available by DCEO Restore Illinois.

SPONSORED BY:

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PUMPKIN VIRTUAL PIE EATING CONTEST

Date: Tuesday, September 15
Time: 7 pm
Location: Virtual (Zoom link provided upon registration)

Bake or buy your own 9-inch pumpkin pie and log in for a virtual competition. Randy Rundle from MIX 106.9 will once again emcee this wonderfully messy event. Watch a replay on Saturday, September 19 at 3:30 PM on the Morton Pumpkin TV Channel. Cash prizes will be awarded to the fastest eaters!

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BUSINESS IN PLACE EXPO

This year, we will not be hosting our Business Expo but instead encourage businesses to set up a display at their business location (or a host location) for our Business-In-Place Expo. Visit www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-business-expo for a full list of participating locations!

Look for videos shared through our Morton Pumpkin TV Channel highlighting some of our participating locations.

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK
721 W. Jackson
Stop by to say hello at their outdoor display!
9/16 - 9/18: 9 am - 5 pm
9/19: 9 am - 12 pm

CEFCU
825 S. Detroit Ave.
Visit their display tent and enter to win a gift basket
9/18 8 am - 5 pm

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AND SUITES
140 E. Ashland
Enter for a chance to win a Morton getaway!
9/16 - 9/17: 11 am - 8 pm
9/18 - 9/19: 11 am - 9 pm

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PUMPKIN VIRTUAL CLASSIC

Date: Wednesday, September 16 - Saturday, September 19
Time, Route, and Pace: Your choice!

This year, our run and walk will be hosted virtually, allowing participants to choose their route and pace. Each participant will receive complementary Pumpkin Bucks to use in this year’s Pumpkin Drive Thru. All participants will receive a race shirt as part of their entry fee. And exclusively for our 10K participants, complete your race while carrying a pumpkin to receive a pumpkin pie voucher! Upload your photo to the Pumpkin Classic Facebook page with the hashtag #RoaringPumpkinClassic.

Register online at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-class-run-and-walk

Packets will be available for pick-up at the Morton Chamber of Commerce, 415 W. Jefferson St., beginning September 8.
OPENING CEREMONY

Date: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 5 pm
Location: Live on the Morton Pumpkin TV Channel

Join us online for a Virtual Opening Ceremony of Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz! During the Opening Ceremony, everyone will recite the new official Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz Pledge.

ROARING PUMPKINS PLEDGE:
I (state your name) do solemnly pledge:
To eat lots of Pumpkin Drive-Thru food
To support and shop local
To jazz up my home or business
To practice social distancing
To find mascot Libby exploring Morton
To ask for help when I need it
To help when I am able
And to take pride in MY hometown,
The Pumpkin Capital Of The World!

#WeAreMorton!
Join us for our first Trivia Night, hosted by the Morton Public Library. Since we are going all in on our Morton history for this year’s theme, this will be a Morton History trivia night! Whether you think you know all the ins and outs of our community, or you would like to learn, we welcome you to join! Register your team at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/trivia-night

Complete this crossword about some local history to get a jump start on some of the questions asked during the Trivia Night!

DOWN
1. The Pumpkin Festival sells nearly 50,000 of these pumpkin treats every year.
2. In 1929, this distinguished museum selected a piece of colored pottery from the Morton factory as an example of excellent work in beautifying common utilitarian pieces.
3. This business became the official sponsor of the Morton Pumpkin Festival in 2012.

ACROSS
4. Festival theme at the turn of the century.
5. This popular apparel and shoe store caught fire in 1929 threatening most of the downtown Morton business district.
6. It is estimated that over 15,000 people come to watch this annual Pumpkin Festival event.

ANSWERS:
DOWN: 1. DONUTS, 2. METROPOLITAN, 3. LIBBYS
ACROSS: 4. PUMPKINS ON THE JOB, 5. WITZIGS, 6. PARADE

www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org
PUMPKIN
PRINCESS PAGEANT

Broadcast Date: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Broadcast on the Morton Pumpkin TV Channel

The Pumpkin Princess Pageant is a unique opportunity for five and six year old girls to participate in a fun, magical pageant experience. Contestants will showcase their costumes and talent in a pre-recorded pageant.

Pumpkin Princess Court
From Top Left to Bottom Right
Zailey Bauman, Carly Behm, Skylar Carnal, Stella Clayton, Elliotte Howell, Emerson Jones, Bella Long, Abigail Malahy, Evelyn Nguyen, Berkeley Tronick

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SENIOR APPRECIATION

DRIVE THRU

Date: Thursday, September 17
Time: 2 - 3:30 pm
Location: Brandon Wood Retirement Center, 730 W. Jefferson

Seniors, please join us for a Senior Appreciation Drive Thru for Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz. The first 500 seniors that drive through will receive a special theme cookie and a goody bag. The Central Illinois Banjo Club will play for you as you drive by!

REVERSE KIDDIE PARADE

Date: Thursday, September 17
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Location: Bethel Lutheran Church & School

Morton children six and under and their families are invited to drive through our special reverse 2020 Kiddie Parade at Bethel Lutheran Church. Say hello to some of your favorite characters, school staff, local police and fire department, and much more from the safety of your car! Registered children under the age of six will receive a goody bag. Space is limited. The first 125 registered children under six will receive a goody bag.

Registration is required at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/kiddie-parade
PUMPKIN
DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Host: Morton Cinema
Dates: Thursday, September 17 (Field of Dreams) & Friday, September 18 (E.T.)
Location: Field Shopping Center
Time: Lot opens at 6:30 pm both nights

Tickets are $30 per vehicle, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting MHS Football and MHS Bands. Ticket will include a $2 off coupon for a Large Double Combo redeemable at Morton Cinema. Must reserve tickets ahead of time. Live pre-show entertainment begins at 7 pm and film begins at 7:15 pm.

Spots are available first come, first serve. Space is limited. Reserve your spot at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/drive-in.

PUMPKIN
IDOL JR.

Broadcast Date: Friday, September 18
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Broadcast on the Morton Pumpkin TV Channel

Do you know a young person who has dreamed of being the next American Idol? Pumpkin Idol Jr. is a chance for local young people, ages 8 to 12, to showcase their singing talents.

Preliminary rounds took place prior to the final performance, which will be recorded ahead of time and broadcasted on the new Morton Pumpkin TV Channel. No contestants are eliminated during the preliminary rounds. Contestants will perform and be recorded with the video being broadcasted on the new Morton Pumpkin TV Channel.

The winner of the competition receives $300 in Chamber Checks!

For more details, go to www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/pumpkin-idol-jr
**PUMPKIN ENTERTAINMENT**

Entertainment at Idlewood Park  
Dates: Thursday, September 17 & Friday, September 18  
Location: Idlewood Park Pavilion  
Time: 6 - 8 pm

Join Morton Fine Arts for an evening of live music entertainment! Concessions to be provided by the Morton American Legion. Cousin Eddie will be playing on Thursday and Matt Miller Band will be playing Friday.

Come back to Idlewood on Saturday morning for Yoga in the Park at 8 am and HIIT the Deck workout at 9 am!

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**PUMPKIN YARD ART CONTEST**

Entertainment at Idlewood Park  
Dates: Thursday, September 17 & Friday, September 18  
Location: Idlewood Park Pavilion  
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Express your artistic talents with a fall or Festival-themed yard art picture! Stop by Home Instead Senior Care, 104 W. Jefferson from 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday beginning August 28 to pick up your canvas. Supplies are limited! Bring your artwork back to Home Instead before 5 pm on September 14. Artwork will be displayed and judged on Thursday, September 17 at Idlewood Arts Pavilion from 6 - 8 pm. The artwork will then be moved to Jefferson School for public viewing and then to the Morton VFW for the Reverse Parade. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Visit [www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/yard-art](http://www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/yard-art) for details!
PUMPKIN MARKET

Date: September 19: 8 am - 6 pm
Location: Grace Church, 1325 E. Jefferson St.

This year’s Pumpkin Market will be an "in-and-out market" following guidelines set by the Illinois Farmers Market Association, featuring artisans, crafters, and food vendors.

Thank you to Grace Church for letting us use their space!

Thank you to Alltrust Financial Management for sponsoring this year’s non-profit booths!
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Doug Shull is a lifelong resident of Morton and a 1975 graduate of MHS. Doug and his wife Angie, his wife of 25 years, enjoy traveling, going to concerts, and dancing.

On July 7, 1973, Doug suffered a traumatic diving accident at the age of 16, leaving him a quadriplegic. This year marks 47 years in his wheelchair and with the “aging process” of quadriplegia, it has given Doug challenges with some hospitalizations in the past few years but “nothing is impossible as God makes ALL things possible.”

After graduating from Illinois, Doug became an assistant for the MHS cross country team. When track season rolled around, he started volunteering for the junior high track team. He saw the need for a girls coach and became the first junior high girls track coach along with coaching the boys distant runners.

In 1982, he began his banking career with Morton Community Bank. During his 28 year career with the bank, Gordon Honegger said “Doug was very instrumental in growing a small town community bank to a 4 billion dollar bank”. He had several positions during his tenure including managing the bank’s investment, running the IT department and then became the IT auditor. In 2010, while serving as Senior Vice President, he had to retire earlier than planned due to medical reasons.

Doug was an auditor for the Festival Miss Morton Pageant for over 25 years, as well as serving in the food tent and helping at the Morton Community Bank booth. Doug is a member of the Morton Rotary Club and has served on its Board of Directors. In 1994-2000, he served on the We Care Board of Directors. In 1994, he was chosen in the first class of “40 Leaders under 40”. Doug was on the strategic planning with MHS District #709 in regards to ADA requirements in the schools, has spoken to ICC physical and occupational therapy students to educate them about quadriplegia, and continues to be an advocate for the American Disabilities Act.

God is the center of Doug’s life. He volunteers on the Summit Point Church prayer team, does mission work with his Impact Group at Midwest Food Bank-Morton Division and the Morton Trinity Mennonite Church food pantry. He has done inspirational speaking at various churches and organizations.

Doug has been pushed in several running events including the 1986 and 1991 LA Marathon, 2012 Illinois Half Marathon, 2012 Peoria Steamboat Classic, was ‘pace-car’ for his wife when she ran 1997 and 1998 Steamboat Classic, and his favorite, the 2012 Morton Pumpkin Festival 10k. Doug said “participating in these running events help me to relive my running days from high school. It also gives me a chance to help raise money for organizations such as World Vision.” For more information about his running adventures visit http://www.hallan.com/dougsmarathon.

“I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce, the committee and all those who nominated me. I am honored, overwhelmed, and very humbled to be chosen as the 2020 Parade Marshal, but nothing I have done could have been accomplished without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my wife and our family, my parents and extended family, my friends, my MHS classmates, the Morton community, and all my caregivers.”

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:7 NIV
PUMPKIN REVERSE PARADE

Date: Saturday, September 19  
Time: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, last car allowed in at 2 pm  
Location: Morton VFW Auxiliary

This year, instead of having our floats travel down the parade route, parade attendees will drive along a lineup of stationery parade floats. Attendees driving through will receive a family goody bag that will be guaranteed to the first 50 cars that arrive each hour (10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm).

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ENCORE CLOSING CEREMONY

Date: Saturday, September 19  
Time: 7 - 9 pm

During the new The Encore Closing Ceremony entries for the All Jazzed Up Decoration Contest and all community members will be asked to illuminate their displays to light up Morton with Roaring Pumpkins and All That Jazz. Drive or safely bike around town to enjoy our community's razzle dazzle. See a full list of participating locations at www.mortonpumpkinfestival.org/the-encore-closing-ceremony
Morton Pottery

Settled in the 1800s, Morton was known for the bricks and drainage tiles made by the Rapp & Brick Tile Works; the land around Morton was drained using the tiles in the late 1800s. This early industry helped to reveal amply fertile farmland. The tile works branched out into a pottery business for kitchen crockery and utensils, an industry that hit its peak in the 1950s.

Morton Pottery was founded in 1922 by the sons of Elder Andrew Rapp. The company produced many unique kitchenware, utilitarian and decorative ceramic items including ashtrays for Everett Dirksen, elephants for Republican candidates and a special donkey for Joe Kennedy (brother of JFK). Morton Pottery was sold to retail stores nationwide including S. S. Kresge, Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck Co. A piece of Morton’s colored pottery appears in the MOMA collection in NYC. In 1929 it was the only factory producing colored kitchenware. Morton Pottery sold several times between 1969 and 1976, when it closed permanently.

Learn more about Morton’s history at mortonchamber.org/morton-history-project and at the Morton Public Library.

Window Decorating

Submission Date: Through September 11

Morton classrooms of grades 2 – 6 are encouraged to create their own class’s work of art on a 25x30 inch sheet to be judged and displayed at the Chamber by September 11. The first 10 classrooms who participate will receive $50 to go toward their classroom funds. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and a People’s Choice Award (ballots available for $5 at the Chamber with donations going to the participating schools’ PTOs). Winners will be announced Monday, September 21.

Learn more at mortonpumpkinfestival.org/window-decorating-contest

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