

Moonlight Madness Halloween costume winners

Downtown Goodland was busy Tuesday with Moonlight Madness, and more than 50 kids participated in the seventh annual costume contest.

El Dorado Western Wear provided the location for the costumed kids to gather and the judges had a difficult time deciding on the winners.

The largest group was the 0 to 4 with more than 30 taking part. The youngest was about two months old dressed as a pumpkin.

Winner in that division went to Madison Coats for her Flower costume. She is 8 months old, and slept through most of the contest in her father Ben's arms.

Second place went to Barrett Carmichael, 2, who was dressed as Bam Bam of the Flintstones cartoon with his cousin dressed as Pebbles.

Third place was Alexandria Gleason, 11 months, who was a lady bug.

Honorary prizes went to Blake Buss, 20 months, who was a skunk and to Bryne Purvis, 2, who was a princess.

In the 5 to 8 division first place went to Mariza Macias, 6, for her pirate costume.

Second place was Hunter Helton, 8, who was a gangster and Hannah Dechant, 6 was third for her Fancy Nancy costume.

Honorary winners were Elora Walls, 6, who was a pink dragon, Melissa Clemons, 5, a witch and Ellee McDaniel as an American Diva.

Elvis showed up to win the 9 to 12 division (Makayla Kennedy, 11), and Katie Seeger, 11, was second in her Go-Go Girl outfit complete with peace sign necklace. Third went to Heather Meyer, 11, for her pirate costume.

Honorary winners were Rafael Macias, 9, as a Zombie, Telanie Reicks, 11, a Slumber Party Princess, Nora Ordonez, 10, witch and Janessa Selbe, 10, a midnight fairy.

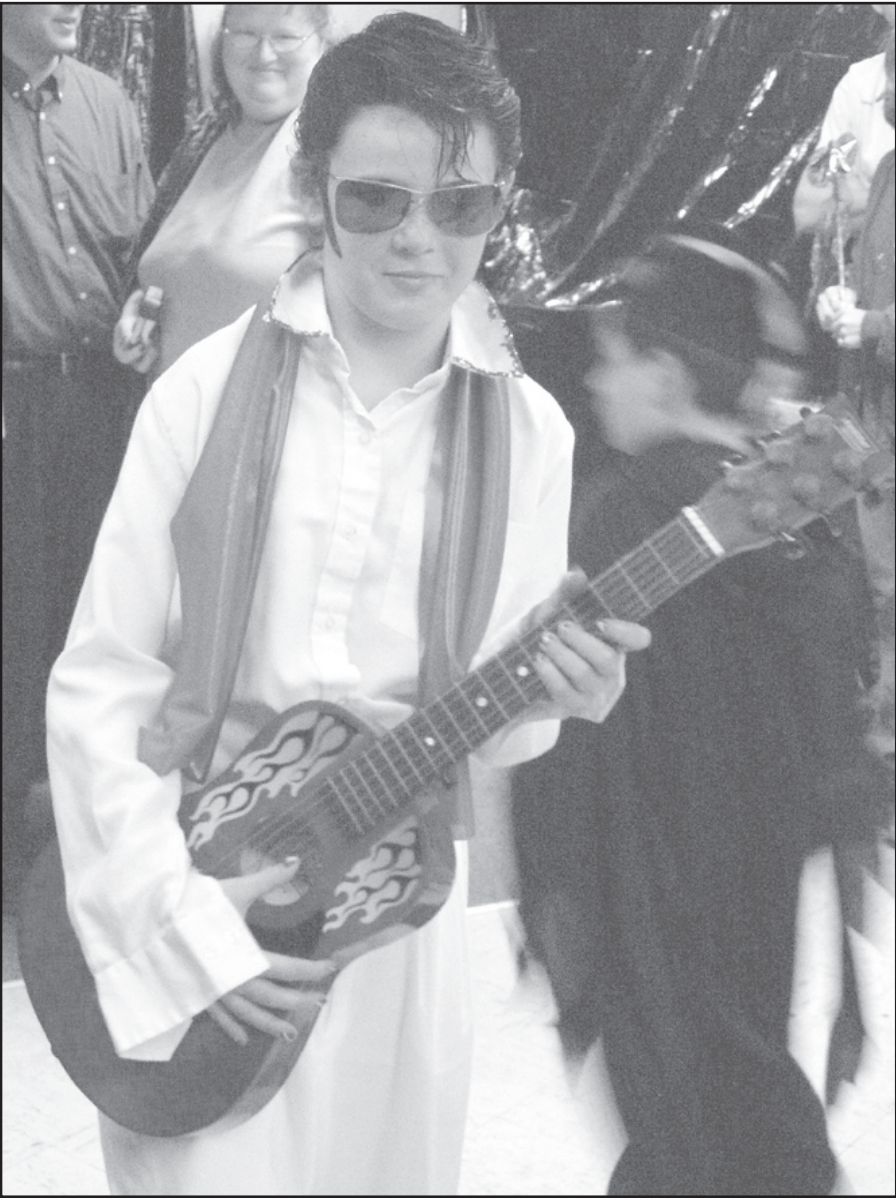
The Moonlight Madness project is sponsored by The Goodland Star-News with the help of several downtown merchants. Goodland Kiwanis provided the costume prize money and Walmart contributed candy for all those who participated.

The Word of Life Church added to the festivities this year with a special program in the bank building across the street from El Dorado where they had games like pin the tail on the pumpkin and gave out free hot dogs and drinks.

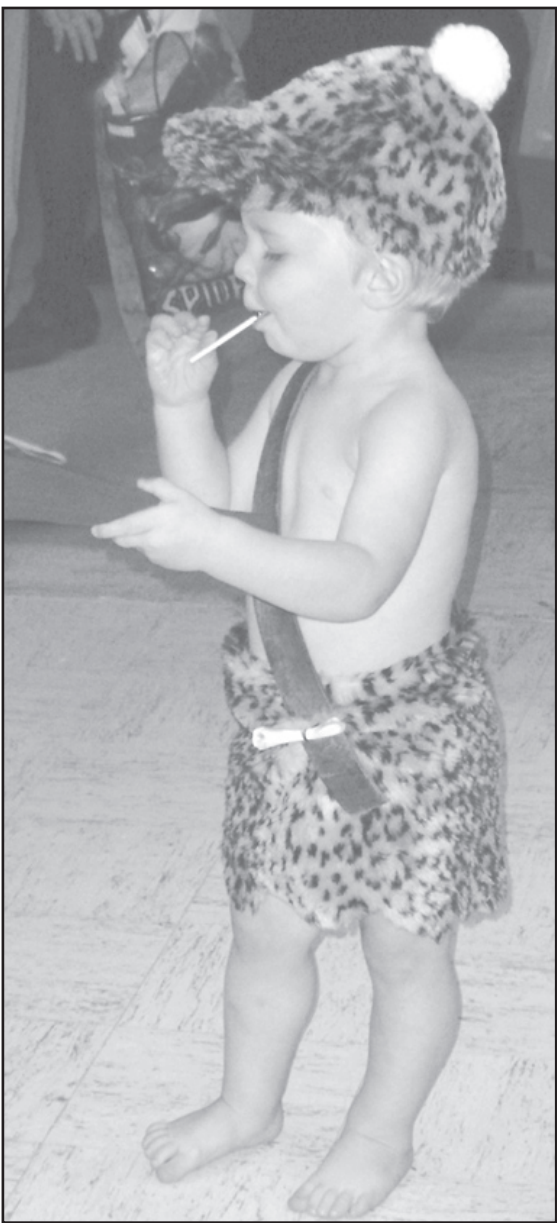
Other businesses who participated and handed out candy include Jacque's Hallmark, The Almond Tree, Smittee's Video and Jeff Juntiques.



Winners selected by the judges in the 5 to 8 division



Winner in the 9 to 12 division



Second place in 0 to 4



Winner in the 0 to 4 division



Winners in the 9 to 12 division



The seventh annual Moonlight Maddness Halloween costume contest drew more than 50 kids including Saige Newman, who was dressed as a veterinarian, and said that is what she wants to do when she grows up.

We thank everyone for coming and hope all have a safe Halloween.

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