

# Creatures, characters gobble up prizes



Robert Vanleven Jr. was dressed in army camouflage and black face, but he sought the safety of his father when S&T mascot Fiber Freddy approached to give him a piece of candy.

The sidewalks of Main Avenue were haunted by fairy tale princesses, wizards and a bunch of spooky characters for the third annual Moonlight Madness on Friday, sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* and downtown merchants.

Over 60 costumed kids trick and treated up and down Main, then gathered in the S&T Communications lobby to get special candy treats from Fiber Freddy and Goodland police officers.

Madd Hatter Music Emporium provided Halloween music and the sound system for the costume contests.

The judges had a hard time with the first group, about 20 kids 0-2 in age. There were lots of great costumes, but the winners were Hannah and Caleb DeChant dressed as Dorothy and Toto. Their parents are Joshua and Koren DeChant. Second place went to Andrew Wood, dressed as a lion. When he was asked if he was a cowardly lion, his answer was a roar. His parents are Brent and Jennifer Wood.

The second costumed group was ages 3-6, and there were nearly 20 to make the judges task difficult. First place went to cousins as a gypsy and a pirate, Jessi Duell and Truman Hooker. The parents are Dan and Karen Duell and Scott and Karen Hooker. Second place went to Braclyn Hoelting dressed as Cinderella. Her parents are Lynn and Cathy Hoelting.

Honorable mention went to Zekke Beringer, suited up as a pumpkin. His parents are Brett and Jill Beringer. Honorable mention went to Darby Seeger, who came as a blue Power Ranger. His parents are Don and Brandi Seeger.

In the third group, ages 7-15, Cruella DeVille (Page Seeger) was first, and Harry Potter (Makayla Kennedy) was second, Neo (Chris Bustillos) was third and fourth was a Kitty Cat (Kendra Grammon). Parents of Cruella DeVille are Don and Brandi Seeger and Rhonda Rice; of Harry Potter Jim and Marshell Kennedy; of Neo, Rachel Bustillos; and the kitty, Valerie and Wayne Grammon.

The prize money was provided by the Goodland Kiwanis Club. S&T made their building available and provided candy. Sponsors for the event included Knott's Just Books, High Plains Office Supply, Jacque's Hallmark, Mann's Jewelry, Scooter's, Aten Department Store, J.C. Penney, Sight and Sound, American Communications, Mr. Jim's His and Hers, Madd Hatter, Custom Tailoring by Marie and the paper.



Fiber Freddy dropped a piece of candy into 8-year-old Sara Schoenthaler's special reflective bag, provided by the Goodland Police Department.



Witches at the Northwest Kansas Technical College haunted house included Sherry Miller and Janie Flanders.



Winners in the 0-2 age group were Hannah and Caleb DeChant (above) as Dorothy and Toto and Andrew Wood (left) as a lion.



Winners in the 3-6 age group were Jessi Duell and Truman Hooker, Zekke Beringer, Braclyn Hoelting and Darby Seeger.



Harry Potter (Makayla Kennedy) was a hit. Chris Bustillos dressed as Neo of the Matrix and Page Seeger was Cruella DeVille of the Disney movie "101 Dalmatians."



The lunch crowd at the Goodland Senior Center dressed up Friday. Aileen Johnson, Marie Edwards, Garret Haifleigh, Bonnie Daily and Virgiline Amos were in line to eat.



Bonnie Hawks, business technology instructor at the Northwest Technical College, dressed in an orange jumpsuit as Martha Stewart.