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Halloween Costume Contest Winners

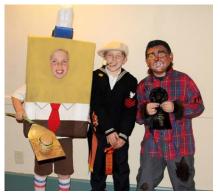
A huge crowd turned out for the Village's Halloween Costume Contest. Everyone enjoyed donuts, cider, and all the creative costumes. Children received ribbons and commemorative coins. Judges chose winners in five categories.



In the 0-4 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) StarLynn Tucker as a fairy (first place); Ty Unterbrink as a worker guy (second place); and, Grace Howitz as a lady bug (third place).



In the 5-8 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) Destiny Osborne as a girl in a storm (first place); Rosie Hartzler as Toothless the dragon (second place); and, Gracie Loutzenhiser as a cowgirl (third place).



In the 9-12 year-olds category, winners were (l. to r.) Garrett Osborne as SpongeBob SquarePants (first place); Luke Morrison as Popeye (second place); and, Grant Fuller as a werewolf (third place).



In the 13 years and up category, winners were (l. to r.) Christopher Underwood as a Pop Rocks Star (first place); Stephanie Varela and Anna Underwood as Nerds candy (second place); and, Bethany Perry as a fawn (third place).

In the Groups category, there was a tie for first place.



Winners were (l. to r.) Bert and Ammie Morrison as Mary Poppins and Bert the chimney sweep.



Tied for first place were Luke, Bert, and Adalye Morrison as Popeye, Bluto, and Sweet Pea from Popeye the Sailor Man.



Second place went to Rachael and Gabriel Vance as Dorothy and the Scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz.



The Buettner family of Tagan (holding Luke), Amelia, and Steven (holding Emmet) earned third place as Star Wars characters.

A huge thank you goes to Melinda Simmons, Mary Brooks, Mayor Thomas Hopper, Village staff, our judges, and other volunteers.

Thanks to Journey Fellowship for hosting games, family pictures, hay rides, marshmallows around a campfire, and distributing candy. BST&G firefighters also brought a fire truck and handed out candy. The Delaware County Sheriff patrolled and handed out candy. Galena's Zoar Rebekkah Lodge

members distributed bags of candy, too.

Get Out & Vote!

Galena's property tax levy is on the November ballot. The levy replaces a two-mill operating levy that expired in December 2013 and is collected through December 2014. The levy would generate approximately \$38,000, funds that are often used for local matching funds in grant applications that bring large amounts of additional funds to the Village for parks, trails, streets, and other projects.

Galena residents vote at the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Rd., 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on November 4.

Del-Co Water

Council heard from Glenn Marzluf, Del-Co Water Company's General Manager, who offered a power point presentation showing the company's seven county, 790 square mile district, and the 1,800 miles of pipelines that provide 11.5 million gallons of water per day to 130,000 people.

Del-Co has partnered with the City of Columbus on the 9.6 billion gallon Doutt Reservoir project in northwest Delaware County for 15% of its water capacity. Marzluf also touted partnerships Del-Co has developed with the Delaware County Foundation, the Stratford Ecological Center, and the Delaware Area Career Center.

Marzluf explained that Del-Co, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, is completing a comprehensive master plan to identify current and future capital project needs. They are working on planning

and operational efforts to remedy concerns such as hydraulic directional drilling/fracking, climate change, contamination/spills, and harmful algae blooms.

Marzluf also announced the Gardening for Clean Water workshop 8:30 a.m.-Noon, November 15 at the Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware. Del-Co customers get in free with their water bill.

Outlet Malls

Mayor Thomas Hopper updated Council on outlet mall news. Hopper has repeatedly asked to be kept apprised of developments since the village anticipates significant mall traffic impact from those traveling to

CALENDAR

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as special events and dates. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated.

Holiday changes =

*- trash day moves to Sat.

** - Council meeting changes.

Nov. 3 4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out

Nov. 4 Election Day, 6:30 AM-7:30 PM

Nov. 7 Trash Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day – Offices Closed

Nov. 14 Trash Day

Nov. 19 Zoning & Planning Commission

Nov. 21 Trash Day

Nov. 24 Council Meeting

Nov. 27-28 Village Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 29*Trash Day

and from southeastern Delaware County townships, the Galena area, and Westerville. Hopper has had meetings with officials from Berkshire Township and the BST&G Fire District. He plans to schedule upcoming meetings with the Village of Sunbury and Big Walnut Schools.

Hopper and Council member Chrissy Fuller attended a recent Berkshire Township public meeting that reviewed outlet mall plans. Hopper expressed concern that, according to township officials, none of the funds from the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) income taxes will be applied to defray traffic impacts. Officials have also said that the second interchange at I-71 is not planned in the near future.

Village Projects

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell reported on several projects including curb repairs and estimates on road repairs around the square; maintenance on the brick road; repairs requested at Walnut St. and State Route 3 through the Ohio Department of Transportation; storm water basin repairs; and ball field repairs after the June flood.

Village Hall phones and a computer malfunctioned and had to be replaced.

Knox boxes have been installed on the Village Hall and maintenance building for fire department emergency entry.

Burrell has been ordering a variety of signs for the parks with grant funds.

Burrell said that the City of Columbus finally removed dead trees on Water St. that threatened a sewer utility power panel.

Burrell is working with engineers on scopes of services for an inflow and infiltration (I & I) study to determine how storm water is entering the wastewater system. This is in response to a violation notice from the Ohio **Environmental Protection Agency** the Village received following the June flood.

A new chemical dosing building was built at the wastewater plant to replace one that had rotted.

The Village's final chipper day was Oct. 24. The Village's truck and a mower have needed repeated repairs. The truck is going in for repairs and then will be fitted with snow removal equipment.

The Village requested a similar amount of salt as was used last winter.

Fiscal Matters

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported that third quarter sewer bills were sent out and delinquency letters were mailed after the due date. Property tax liens have been placed on several properties with long-term overdue bills.

Staff have been sorting through old records to prepare for a Records Commission meeting in preparation for records disposal.

They are also preparing for 2015 budget planning. A Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for Nov. 10 followed by a Finance Committee meeting on Nov. 17, both at 7 p.m.

Code Compliance

In Zoning and Property Maintenance news, the Zoning and Planning Commission approved the Galena Commerce Center's progress on meeting development plan compliance conditions. The property owner of 24 Front St. failed to bring the structure compliant with the Property Maintenance code after months of extensions. The Village will seek either bonding to bring the building into compliance or legal remedies to have it demolished since it poses a safety hazard.

Electricity

Council passed a resolution to enter into a two-year contract with Champion Energy Services for electric billing on Village accounts.

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