

GREENFIELD

Residents get creative in annual costume contest

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Lastly, the newest category was "Howl-O-Ween" so residents could enter their dogs.

GREENFIELD — The unusually warm weather inspired broad attendance by residents dressed as evil clowns, superheroes, famous athletes and even inflatable dinosaurs at Monday's Rag Shag Parade and Halloween costume contest.

Participants gathered near the Mohawk Mall and paraded to Energy Park. The parade was led by the Greenfield Police Department and included the Greenfield High School Marching Band, as well as costume contest participants. The Greenfield Fire Department followed at the back.

Recreation Director Christy Moore, traveling near the front of the procession, said she has been a part of the Halloween events in Greenfield for "over a decade now." In "years past it has been windy or cold and rainy," so Moore said she was "happy to have beautiful fall weather."

Many of the costume-clad attendees entered the costume contest, held by the Greenfield Recreation Department, for a chance to win a trophy. The categories were Best Homemade, Funniest, Best Cartoon Character, Scariest, Cutest, Adult Open Category, and Group or Family Category.

Winners

■ Best Homemade — First place: Cupcake, Olivia Armstrong, Shelburne; Second place: Eggs-Boxtroll, Eli Jackman, Greenfield.

■ Funniest — First place: Little Nicky, Graham Russin, Greenfield.

■ Scariest — First place: Vampire Witch, Azalea Krumholz, Greenfield; Second place: Cemetery Bride, Becky Snow Kowal, Leyden.

■ Cutest — First place: Parrot, Onalee Reynolds, Greenfield; Second place: Cat Boy, Austin James Distefano, Greenfield.

■ Best Cartoon Character — First place: Grinch, Mykal Bloom, Greenfield; Second place: Inklings, Thomas Twadbell and Caitlin Von Schmidt, Greenfield.

■ Adult Open Category — First place: Lantern Angel, Julia Ellingboe, Greenfield; Second place: Nun, Ann Cournoyer, Holyoke.

■ Group/Family Category — Up, Mason and Abygail Youmell, Greenfield; Second place: Bluey, Pollock family, Greenfield.

■ Howl-O-Ween Costume — Devil Dog, Poco Adams, Greenfield.



Costume-clad residents gather at Energy Park in Greenfield on Monday.

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Olivia Armstrong of Shelburne won first place in the Best Homemade category for her cupcake costume.



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Julia Ellingboe of Greenfield won first place in the Open Adult Category for her lantern angel costume.



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Azalea Krumholz of Greenfield won first place in the Scariest category for her vampire witch costume.