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'Spook-takular' weather brings many to Woodville for 19th Annual Halloween Festival



This is some of the Theme/Group contestants at the 19th Annual Woodville Halloween Festival Costume Contest. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

By Paul J. Seeling with Diane Gedatus, SCAVL

WOODVILLE, WI – With absolutely "Spook-takular" weather last Saturday, October 30, 2021, the 19th Annual Woodville Halloween Festival was a grand success. It was presented by 35 fantastic folks with the St. Croix Area Volunteer League (SCAVL) who entertained and delighted about 350 area children and their families. The event took place inside and outside of the United Fire and Rescue – Woodville Station.

The three-hour event began at noon and lasted until 3:00 p.m. There was the ever-popular Costume Contest with prizes along with games with prizes, a real Fortune Teller, crafts, hot dogs with chips, drink and cookies.

The Halloween Festival director Diane Gedatus reported that there were 320 hotdogs and 250 delicious pumpkin cookies from the Spring Valley Bakery consumed by the crowd. In addition to that there were 200 pounds of food donated for the Woodville area Zion Food Pantry.

Gedatus also reported that of the 350 in attendance this year there were 100 that participated in the Costume Contest. That is pretty good when you consider that the Annual Woodville Halloween Festival wasn't held last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 Halloween Costume Contest was held outside under clear blue skies and bright warm sunshine with the usual four age categories and a separate theme/group contest. There were three new judges for the contest this year tasked with the extremely difficult job of picking the First, Second and Third Place winners in each category. They were Sharon Janski (Baldwin), Carolyn Brumbaugh (Hammond) and Dorothy Huelsman (Milltown).

The Costume Contest winners were as follows: 0 to 2 years (16 participating) 1st - Thorin Sunby, Woodville - Auto mechanic, 2nd - Kingston Carter, Baldwin - Elephant, 3rd - Josie Jardine, Baldwin - Cappuccino.

3-4 years (18 participating) - 1st

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Queens Corner- A fa-BOO-lous Halloween Weekend

Anoka Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat Celebration
Submitted by the 2021-2022 Syttende Mai Royalty

WOODVILLE WI- After a long month off, the Syttende Mai Royalty was eager to break out the troll float for the biggest parade yet! They travelled early Saturday morning for the annual Anoka parade also known as the 'Halloween Capital of the World.'

We were surprised to learn that there were six different divisions in the parade. When we arrived at our lineup spot, we got to work on decorating the float. Because trolls have a history in Norwegian heritage, we decided to dress up as 'Trolls' the movie! It was so fun to decorate the float in bright colors and rainbows. The parade in total was about an hour long.

We were so grateful to see the thousands of people that had come to watch all of the different towns and the girls got to meet many new faces.

On Sunday, the girls were excited to represent Syttende Mai Royalty



Baldwin, Hammond and Woodville Royalties at the Trunk or Treat event. Submitted Photo.

at the Trunk or Treat event in our neighboring town, Baldwin. Grace and Kayla decorated the trunk of the car with halloween decorations and bright lights, and of course we couldn't forget the candy.

We saw so many cute unique costumes and even got to see the Hammond and Baldwin Royalties. It

was a busy Sunday around the community, and we had so much fun!

Anoka did not disappoint this Halloween weekend and neither did the Trunk or Treat Event. The Syttende Mai Royalty is so grateful to spend this holiday season with close friends

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Health and Wellness Expo Drive Thru well attended



The Western Wisconsin health team handing out tote bags at the annual health and wellness expo drive-thru Thursday, October 28 2021. Photo by Paul J Seeling

Submitted by Rosa Magnus, Development Manager, Volunteer Services

Western Wisconsin Health
BALDWIN, WI -- The Western Wisconsin Health team handed out 300 tote bags full of information about services, care partners and

giveaways at the annual Health and Wellness Expo Drive Thru that was well attended on Thursday, October 28, 2021.

In addition, community members are welcome to visit wwhealth.org through November 4 to view a series

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Local woodland owner attends WI Coverts Project Workshop – Part III

By Paul J. Seeling
Sun-Argus/Woodville Leader/Gateway News

SPRING VALLEY, WI – Two weeks ago we began reporting about local woodland owner Dave Sowatzke attending the 2021 Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop that was facilitated by UW Madison Division of Extension.

The definition of Covert is a 14th century English word describing a dense thicket that provides shelter for wildlife.

The Coverts Workshop consisted of three days of indoor sessions and outdoor experience for landowners who want to enhance their woodlands for wildlife.

That is something that Dave

Sowatzke was very much interested in doing for his 52 acres of woodland on the Chippewa River that is a second property for the Spring Valley landowner.

After purchasing the property with a small house on it; in short order Dave realized that their woodland had not been managed in quite some time, if at all.

He felt that his acreage could be a productive forest that would yield some timber and with that thinning could be a better place for wildlife habitat.

This desire led him to attend a seminar a few years ago conducted by the UW Extension Service. It was there that he learned that every county in Wisconsin has a County

Forester and that they are available to help answer forestry questions.

From meeting with his County Forester, Sowatzke worked with the Forester to develop a preliminary management plan for his woodland. It was through this contact that Dave joined the Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (<https://wisconsinwoodlands.org/>) a 501(c)3 non-

profit organization and an independent, nonpartisan voice who speak for the landowners of Wisconsin.

In this final article it will be about the 2021 Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop information covered specifically in the presentation by Jamie Nack, Extension Senior Wildlife

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Photo of the week



Fallen red maple leaf on the deck. Photo by Paul J Seeling

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Place - Samaria Ferden, Baldwin - Witch, 2nd - Stella Lallemond, Woodville - Unicorn, 3rd - Everett Grajkowski, Baldwin - Triceratops, 5-7 years (26 participating) - 1st - Wyatt Menter, Woodville - Caterpillar operator, 2nd - Everest Wolski, Baldwin - Harry Potter, 3rd

Theme/Group Contest (6 participating) - 1st - The Menter and Feden Families Woodville and Baldwin - Group of Legos, 2nd - Everest and Grey Wolski and Lillian and Oscar Toulson, Baldwin - Harry Potter's of Hogwarts School of Wizardry, 3rd - Tara, Grant, and Emma Nelson, Osseo, Toy story group.

St. Croix Area Volunteer League (SCAVL) and sponsored by the Village of Woodville, Woodville Women's Club, Woodville Lion's Club, Woodville Am. Legion Auxiliary Unit #301 and several generous local businesses.

This is the same dedicated group that will once again be bringing

viders and staff and take a survey to be eligible for some amazing prizes! Thanks to Dr. Nate Schwartz, Dr. Olaoluwa Lediju, Dr. Katie Findlay, Lynn Huiskamp and Cheri Rott for Simple Health, Dr. Eyuel Terefe and Fitness Center Staff member Lynn Thoen for participating in the videos! Thanks to all of the community members and staff that came through for our drive thru.

Western Wisconsin Health's main campus is located in Baldwin, Wisconsin and offers comprehensive health and wellness services, including preventive care, behavioral health, primary care, emergency care, advanced surgical procedures, integrative health, orthopedic services, rehabilitation services, women's health and a fitness center and therapeutic pool. They also have a branch clinic in Roberts, WI. To learn more about Western Wisconsin Health, visit <https://www.wvhealth.org/>.

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Outreach Specialist, and Certified Wildlife Biologist @ who organized and managed the Wisconsin Coverts Project Workshop. I will also provide some of the contacts available for the private woodland property owner to pursue if interested.

One of the presentations by Nack at the Coverts Project Workshop was, "Creating a Written Wildlife Management Plan." In that Power Point demonstration were six steps to creating your Wildlife management plan.

The reasons to manage for wildlife are many: Wildlife benefits, Enjoy seeing the animals, Enjoy working on the land. It is easy to do, Increased property value, Energy and soil conservation, Photography, Natural insect control, Can help pollinate plants and disperse seeds and it is fun to involve kids and it is educational.

The two questions discussed were "What does managing for wildlife involve?" and "Why should I create a wildlife management plan?"

Managing for wildlife involves protecting, enhancing, and/or creating habitat. Choosing land use practices and other land management measures that will benefit wildlife. Also, it means providing a missing element such as natural foods, nesting box or brush pile.

Creating a wildlife management plan is a good way to define and organize your land-use objectives. A plan analyses different options and allows a landowner to select the best course of action to achieve the desired objectives. Today's decisions (or lack of decisions) can have long-term impacts and benefits.

A wildlife management plan identifies and describes the wildlife found on your land and your management objectives for a certain period of time. A wildlife management plan should be written but does not have to be complicated and there is no standard format.

Here are the six steps to designing a wildlife management plan. 1 - Set your objectives. 2 - Create a map of your property. 3 - Inventory the wildlife on your land. 4 - Seek professional assistance. 5 - Finalize and carry out your management plan. 6 - Monitor your results. There are

Santa's Workshop to Woodville on December 11, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. tentatively scheduled to be held in the Woodville Community Center. The Annual Woodville Easter Egg Hunt will be the Saturday of Easter at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Hall.

The SCAVL is always looking for and welcoming new volunteers. To join them, you can email Diane Gedatus at dianeg@wvt.net.

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and family. It was sure a spook-tacular few days that we will always remember.

Sincerely your 2021-2022 Syttende Mai Royalty, Queen Grace Sell and 1st Princess Kayla Bonte.

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of educational videos from our pro-



Here is some of the 5 to 7-year-old Costume Contest participants. Photo by Paul J. Seeling



This is part of the 0 to 2 age group in the 19th Annual Woodville Halloween Festival Costume Contest. Photo by Paul J. Seeling



Here are all of the 19th Annual Woodville Halloween Festival Costume Contest winners. Photo by Paul J. Seeling

Oliver Schultz, Baldwin - Harry Potter.

8 years and up (34 participating) - 1st - Alexis Cook Bowen, Baldwin - Hippie, 2nd Chase Achterhof and his well-mannered dog, Baldwin - Hot Dog Vendor.

Prizes for the top three costumes were, 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$25, 3rd - \$20 in 4 age groups plus having a chance to win twice by also entering as a group for the Theme/Group Contest.

The Annual Woodville Halloween Festival event is organized by the

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WDNR publications that can help you develop your plan.

In getting started involve the whole family (current owners and heirs). This will lay the groundwork for succession and estate planning. Consider: interests, income needs, proximity to property, and philosophy about land ownership, and other factors that may influence decisions.

Once you have done your homework and implemented your wildlife management plan for your land, involve the next generation. This can include annual, family gatherings and work parties. Start the kids early, make it fun. Take advantage of their interest in technology...but use it in the field! These are citizen science opportunities.

The Coverts Project Workshop consists of three days of indoor sessions and outdoor experience for landowners who want to enhance their woodlands for wildlife. It includes lodging, meals, and materials at NO COST, it is paid for by the workshop sponsors. It is a cooperative program that the participants agree to become "Coverts Cooperators," sharing with their communities. That is what Dave Sowatzke is doing by working with these newspapers.

Additionally, Cooperators agree to...develop a written wildlife management plan for their land. Reach out and motivate other woodland owners in their communities and be available to answer questions. You can reach

Dave with your questions by email at: sowatzke@wvt.net.

Here are some other links you may contact for additional information: The Wisconsin Coverts Project website (<https://fwe.wisc.edu/coverts/>) has a page "Wildlife & Forest Management Resources for Private Landowners" organized by topics. UW-Madison Extension Forestry - <https://woodlandinfo.org/>. WDNR - Wisconsin's Private Woodlands page - <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestandowners/private>.

In conclusion I hope you have found this series of value. I am envious as I no longer have a woodland to enjoy or pass on but know the joy it can bring. Thank you to Dave Sowatzke for sharing this topic with our readers. Thank you also to Jamie Nack for sharing her time and knowledge with me for our readers information.

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Thursday, November 11 is Veteran's Day

Local programs and happenings
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WESTERN WISCONSIN - Thursday, November 11, 2021, is Veteran's Day. Here is a list of local events; remember, honor, and celebrate everyone who has served our country:

Woodville, WI: The Woodville American Legion Post 301 will be hosting a Veteran's Day program at Viking Middle School at 10 a.m. They will also be having a spaghetti feed from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. The feed is a free will donation, all proceeds will help to replace the parking lot of the legion. Post 301 is located at 206 South Main Street, Woodville, WI 54028.

Baldwin, WI: Western Wisconsin Health (WW Health) and Adoray invite you to a Veterans Day Flag Ceremony event, to remember, honor and celebrate everyone who has served our country. The American Legion Post 301 from Woodville will lead our flag ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 12 p.m. - meet by the flagpole. WW Health is located at 1100 Bergslien St, Baldwin, WI 54002.

Elmwood, WI: The Crain-Ottman American Legion will be hosting

a Veteran's Day program at the Elmwood School Gymnasium "Wolf Den" at 9 a.m. The public is invited to this program.

Hudson, WI - There will be Veterans Day Ceremonies at the St. Croix County Government Center. Veterans Day will be observed in Hudson on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Veterans Day Ceremonies will take place at the St. Croix County Government Center, 1101 Carmichael Road, Hudson WI. The program will begin at 11:00 am. Master of Ceremonies will be John Helgeson. The Veterans Memorial Honor Guard will provide military honors in tribute to deceased veterans. The Honor Guard consists of members of VFW Post 2115 and Otis H. King American Legion Post 50. The public is invited to attend this outdoor ceremony.

River Falls, WI: The West Wind Supper Club in River Falls, WI is hosting a Veteran's Day Buffet. To honor those who have served, they invite you and your families to dine with them. In appreciation for serving our great country, all veterans will receive a complimentary buffet meal, from 11am - 9pm. The West Wind Supper Club is located at 709 N. Main Street in River Falls, WI.

