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Daniel Moore, left, watches his grandfather, Chet Day, fill another gallon with freshly made juice from the cider press at the Best of the Old West Harvest Festival in John Day.

Harvest Festival closes the season for farmers market

By Rudy Diaz
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The final farmers market of the season has concluded following Best of the Old West Harvest Festival.

The harvest festival went from Oct. 18-19 and featured an evening market, a movie and beer garden on the first night.

Friday gave children a chance to reign supreme as Thanos from Marvel Comics, or as vampires to scare parents. The harvest festival also gave small businesses a chance to get together and sell items for the community.

"We're a small producer from Kimberly, and we have to fit within the certain venues that are better for selling our honey," said Liz Lovelock, a vendor selling honey made locally with her husband, Matt. "We don't sell honey by the barrel. We sell it direct to our customers. We like doing markets where we can get out and be a face to the community and talk with our customers."

Jasmine Bryers, 14, of John Day had a stand where anybody could get there face painted, even martians, according to her sign.

"Lots of children are fun," said Bryers. "Children are just so cute and energetic, and I just love working with children in general. It's my favorite

thing to do, and that is why I'm also on a lot of youth programs."

Bryers and Ember Dutcher, 10, painted the face of 8-year-old Tori Holland to look like a vampire. The little girl's face was covered in white paint, with black paint covering her eyes and red paint on both ends of the her mouth.

"I want to scare my dad," said Holland. "I want fake blood because vampires look cool."

The night concluded with a free showing of "Hocus Pocus" and "Beetlejuice."

On the second day of the festival there were hayrides, the market, pumpkin paintings, live music and a children's carnival held at the heritage barn due to bad weather.

The cider press caught the attention of everybody who entered the venue. Chet Day made gallons of cider along with his grandson, Daniel Moore, who came from Salem to help, and another helper, Rio Reeves.

"Last year they brought some apples from the valley, and a couple girls brought a couple bags and that was it," Day said. "I was like 'why even bother,' but this year has been really crazy and really good."

Making juice for people and spectators enjoying the cider press in action were the highlights for Moore.



Contributed photo/Kalli Wilson
Six-year-old Jonah Wilson of John Day makes a phone call with the Oregon Telephone Corporation's friendly scarecrow. The entry won second place in Dayville's annual scarecrow contest.



Contributed photo/Kalli Wilson
This friendly scarecrow welcomes visitors to Dayville and won the town's annual scarecrow contest. The leafy-themed fellow was created by Tiffnie Schmadeka's kindergarten through second-grade art class at Dayville School.



Contributed photo/Kalli Wilson
A friendly pair of scarecrows invites drivers to slow down through Dayville. The cute couple was created by city recorder Ruthie Moore.



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Tiffnie Schmadeka stands with two of her art students, Jarrett Martin, left, and Grayson Schmadeka at Thursday's Dayville Community Potluck. Her Dayville School kindergarten through second-grade art class won the town's scarecrow contest.

Dayville scarecrows greet town visitors

City officials hire architect for community hall renovations

By Angel Carpenter
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Accolades went to Dayville School's kindergarten through first-grade art class, taught by Tiffnie Schmadeka, for winning the city of Dayville's annual scarecrow contest with a colorful fall theme.

The winners were announced at the Dayville Community Potluck on Thursday at the community hall.

Second-place went to Oregon Telephone Corporation with a scarecrow wearing curlers and holding a phone on her lap. OTC also won the most votes on the "Friends of Dayville" Facebook page.

City Recorder Ruthie

Moore said participation was the greatest ever, with 17 entries lining the main street through town.

She said more than 75 people attended Thursday's dinner, where they held a pasta contest with Lyndee Billar winning first place and Jody Winkelman in second.

There were contests to raise money — including a "pumpkin punch," cake walk and painted pumpkin raffle — for the Dayville Community Hall renovations. For the pumpkin punch, participants paid for a chance to

punch their fist through a tissue-covered cup for a small candy, wooden token for Dayville Merc or chance to win a pie. The cups were glued to a board in the shape of a pumpkin.

"We had great participation, mostly from Dayville area, for the scarecrow contest and potluck. It was fun," Moore said. "I think these traditions that we have in Dayville bond our community together like a family."

Plans for the community hall renovation are on the horizon.

Moore said the city hired an architect this week from Bend-based Pinnacle Architecture and said she's glad to work with someone who is already familiar with the hall.

Peter Baer, president of Pinnacle, also worked on the assessment of the hall back in 1999.

"He's starting the process of getting the design completed, and it will hopefully be done this winter," she said, adding they expect to hire a contractor next spring.



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Tori Holland, 8, is getting her face painted by Ember Dutcher, 10, and being watched by Jasmine Bryers, 14, who is in costume, during the Best of the Old West Harvest Festival Oct. 18 in John Day.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

WE ARE HERE TO REMIND YOU TO STAY SAFE!

- Always trick-or-treat with an adult or group of friends in a well-lit, familiar area
- Wear something reflective – even tape on your bag – and/or use a reflective bag or one with a light
- Don't go into areas alone or areas where you are unfamiliar



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HALLOWEEN SAFETY!

Have a Happy, Healthy & Safe Halloween! Here are some tips to keep your little ones out of harm's way

KIDS	ADULTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk with a group or trusted adult • Walk from house to house & look both ways before crossing the street • Don't run, use sidewalks and crosswalks when possible • Put reflective tape on your costume or treat bag, or carry a flashlight with you • Examine all your treats to make sure they are safe and sealed before eating them • Don't approach dark houses when trick-or-treating and NEVER go inside a stranger's house • Don't approach pets while wearing a Halloween costume – They may not recognize you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide healthier or non-edible options for trick-or-treaters • Slow down and be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters when driving • Accompany your child if they are under age 12, and make sure older children are with a group of trusted friends • Go over the planned trick-or-treat route with your child; be sure to set a curfew • Keep your porch and walkway well-lit, and move any potential tripping hazards out of the path of trick-or-treaters • Keep family pets away from trick-or-treaters, even if they are friendly. • Limit the amount of candy your kids eat each day, and encourage them to give away excess.

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