

# Favorite Halloween Costumes

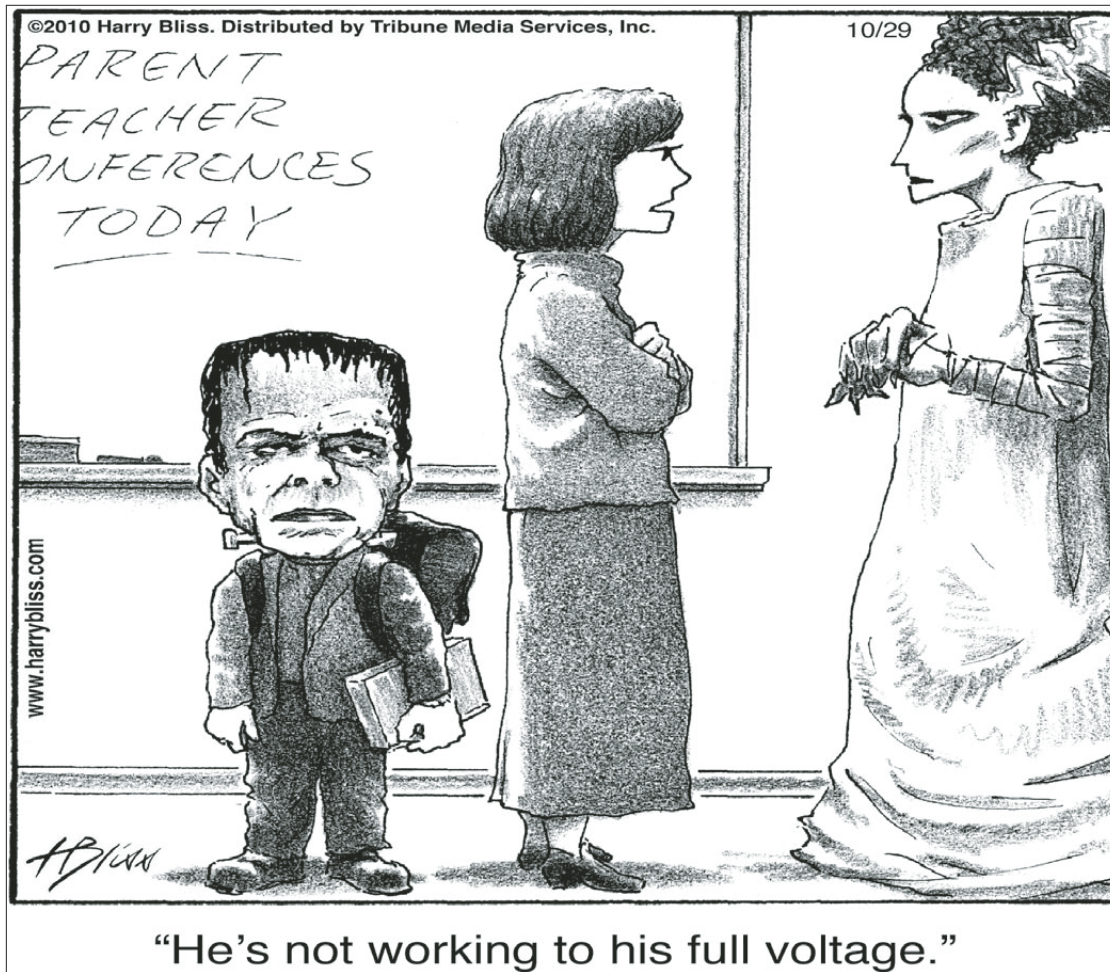
1. What was your favorite Halloween Costume?
2. Vampire or Werewolf?



**Brandon Hermans**  
(10)  
1. Scream  
2. Vampire



**Dusty Killingsworth**  
1. Terminator. T2. It just came out around Halloween, and I had this mask that covered half my face. I looked like T2. And it was the best costume in the store that year.  
2. Werewolves just attack people....vampires are sneaky. But they pick on young girls. I don't want to associate myself with those types. So, werewolves.



**Grace Holiday (11) (Left)**  
1. Soapsuds or M&M's. My mom is really into homemade costumes.  
2. Wizards!!!



**Brittini Smith (12)**  
(Right)  
1. Um, I was a doctor!  
2. Vampire

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## Picture of the Month



The Book Club met after school on Oct. 26 to carve pumpkins. Sophomore Catherine Tuggle carves a bird into her pumpkin. "It's a reoccurring symbol in the Hunger Games," Tuggle said. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is one of the many books the book club will be reading.  
Photo by: Kelsey Whitcomb

## 7th District candidates debate the issues at WHS



Kevin Craig used his hands to demonstrait and enforce his ideas and communicate his enthusiasm and drive to the audience.

By: Kelsey Whitcomb

On Oct 19, Willard community members and a handful of students filed into the theater at Willard High School to attend a Congressional debate.

7th District Representative hopefuls; Kevin Craig, Libertarian, Billy Long, Republican, and Scott Eckersley, Democrat, answered

a series of questions about their ideas and policies on certain issues.

Hosting a debate like this is something that Willard High School has never done and the candidates were very thankful to be in a facility like this one.

"I think it was set up well and I think they did a good job," Candidate Scott Eckersley said,

"My sister actually married a guy from Willard so I love Willard and I think it was a good venue."

Around 200 people sat and listened intently to the debate and several members of the audience were Willard students.

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- Nov.3**  
Varsity Football Regionals  
TBA
- Nov.3-4**  
HS Plan Testing
- Nov.5-6**  
Speech and debate at Hillcrest  
Varsity Volleyball (Kansas City)
- Nov.6**  
Cross Country State Var.  
TBA
- All District Choir Concert
- Nov.8**  
Varsity Football Sectionals  
TBA
- Nov.9**  
Boys Soccer Sectionals Var.  
TBA
- Nov.13**  
Fall Harvest Gathering- WCCF  
Speech and Debate at Nixa  
Varsity Football Quarterfinals TBA  
Boys Soccer Quarterfinals var. TBA
- Nov. 19**  
Lighting of the Frisco Trail
- Nov.19-20**  
Boys Soccer State Var. TBA
- Nov.20**  
Willard Christmas Parade  
Varsity Football Semi-Finals  
TBA
- Nov.24,25,26**  
Thanksgiving break
- Nov.26-27**  
Varsity Football State

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# Counselor's

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## Whatever Happened to Emily Post?

Yesterday, I was standing in the middle of the fairway on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, waiting for two young men to get off the green so I could swing my club and feel safe that I would not hit them in the head.

I looked over on the tee box of the 8<sup>th</sup> hole and found two gentlemen talking with a friend holding up traffic on the golf course. All of a sudden, I begin to realize that the one place

in the world that they still have a dress code and what I thought was a strong belief in etiquette has been replaced with "Whatever happened to Emily Post".

I started looking and discovered that Emily is not really gone, she is still around. If you don't know who Emily Post is, you should. She may not be found on the road, on the cell phone, even in an email, or in the aisles of Wal-Mart. I have found her on an occasional morning when someone holds the door open for me, or the student who helps another student with their books. I know that when Emily arrives, she can instantly brighten our day.

So today I challenge you to find out a little bit about Emily and what she represents. She has a website and is waiting to be discovered. Check her out at [www.emilypost.com](http://www.emilypost.com). She holds the key to finding the respect and self-confidence that everyone one needs to be successful in life.

Let's put Emily into action! When you do, you will find out how being a little more like Emily may be a challenge, but will also be so very rewarding!

Submitted by: Kathy Bolek, Freshman Counselor.

## Willard Speech and Debate Host Tournament of Their Own

By: Halen Holton

Willard High School Speech and Debate team hosted eight area schools in a tournament on Oct. 16.

Approximately 149 students competed in eight events. They were Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duet Acting, Extemporaneous Speaking, Prose, Poetry and Storytelling.

"It was a very successful tournament," Speech and Debate advisor Kathy Tobin said. "Everything went relatively smooth and we were able to stay on time. Tobin also said the event was a financial success. "We raised about \$800 after expenses."

When schools host a tournament, they do not participate as competitors. "Schools are not able to compete in their own tournament because they host and get the judges, so it would be unfair," Tobin said. "With various schools around the area hosting we are able to go other tournaments and compete in an unbiased atmosphere. Also it is part of our speech and debate curriculum to teach student organization and problem solving skills."

Willard participated in the first tournament of the year, which was hosted by Kickapoo High School on Oct. 8 - 9. According to Tobin, the team did very well there, but a few excelled. Sophomore Greg Hamilton received 4th place in Lincoln Douglas debate. Senior Austin Reade received 7th in Parliamentary debate. and Junior Jeremy Burnett was in the top 12 for Humorous interpretation.

## Muffins, Cookies, and Conferences

By: Alyson Manes

You've probably seen DECA promotions around the school, and have smelled the cookies and muffins they sell. But did you know this leadership oriented organization is about more than sweets and t-shirts?

DECA members attended the Fall Leadership and State Officers Election Conference as representatives Oct.17-18. Representatives included seniors Angela Dodson, Ben Collins, Tyler Onstott, Laura Creed, and Makayla Waggoner. Junior representatives were Chris Owen, Amanda Smith, Jessica Walker, Hali Harrison.

The conference is designed to provide Missouri DECA members the opportunity to develop leadership skills through participating in the officer election process and by active involvement in leadership workshops. Students serve as a voting delegate for the year's officer elections.

So what does this mean for WHS? "It's a voice at state level for us and for our District 11. If someone was elected, they can better communicate

what's happening at the state level." DECA sponsor Hannah Forgey said.

WHS Senior Tyler Onstott explains why he attended. "I went to compete and for the experience. Also to meet new DECA members and network myself." All students who attend the conference compete in a job-interview role play. There are 76



DECA students participate in the Fall Leadership and State Officers Election Conference Oct.17-18. "It meant a lot to represent our school and, being a senior, my goal is to step it up and do whatever I can to make our school proud," Senior Tyler Onstott said.

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Willard History teacher Ian Nax offered bonus points to his students if they came and watched the debate.

"I had around 20 of my kids come to the debate. I know that Mr. Hornback and Mr. Latham also had kids who came," Nax said.

Students may have attended, but what they took away from it was what Nax was interested in.

"I hope that they learn that democracy is about debate," Nax said, "Debate is not argument. They did a good job of that in this debate."

Eckersley was also excited about the student turnout.

"I think there's a moral to the story here and that's that you can fight city hall, you can push back when government goes too far," Eckersley said, "Then you can come out of top and try and do something different."

## To Our Beloved Student Body

An open letter from SGA

We, the Student Government Association of Willard High, would like to thank those who participated in the homecoming festival: bonfire, parade, dance, etc. We were pleased to be able to see our hard-work and determination to make this event one that you will remember for many years to come. It was a challenging aspect to host a dance with new rules appointed by the administration, but we feel you, the student body, handled the new situation well. As a matter of fact we saw many great new dance moves from many students including Charlie Bird, Tyler Hampton, Chelsea Jo Greenhaw, and Rjuna, who had some of the best moves Willard High has ever seen.

The movie also seemed to be a big hit and will probably be a continued tradition for many dances to come. We want to thank the Theatre department for allowing the use of their equipment to put on *Prince of Persia* during the dance, Amanda Graves for doing an amazing job as the DJ of our dance, Jones Photography for providing dance pictures, and our administration and staff for providing supervision and a safe/fun environment for all of our students here at Willard High. Good job Willard High for supporting your school!!

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# WHS Homecoming 2010

## The queen and her court



Brittini Smith and Cameron Duneman Photos Provided by: Brent Jones



**The queen and her court** (Left to right, identified by candidate and escort) freshmen Olivia Rhoten and Jeff Arnold, sophomores Caitlin Jewell and Landon Anderson, juniors Sydney Wooldridge and Dayton Bieser, seniors Taylor Wright and Jayse Stack, seniors Amelia Montgomery and Tim Maus, seniors Brittini Smith and Cameron Duneman, seniors Rennie East and Corey Weiland, seniors Brittany VanNostrand and Jacob Robinson, juniors Brittany Scott and Andy Smith, sophomores Krystine Sechler and Kurt Hamilton, and freshmen Jenna Robinson and Taeler Gunter

## WHS teachers share homecoming traditions

By: Kelsey Wake and Ashlee Ayres

Willard High School's 2010 Homecoming had a lot of student and teacher participation in its traditions, and for science teacher of 25 years Mary Ellen Butler, the participation is one of the best parts.

"[Participation] helps build school cohesiveness, and it helps build the community."

Another popular part of Homecoming week is spirit week, with a certain "theme" every day of the week.

History teacher of 29 years Jim Davis says one of his favorite spirit week days is nerd day.

"Nerd day reminds me of my high school years," he explains.

Butler says, "I'm always disappointed if they don't have college or sports day."



Jim Davis

She is a "die-hard Illinois fan", and claims that if there wasn't a rule about hair, she would dye her

hair orange. Something that has



Mary-ellen Butler

been part of WHS Homecoming for years is the parade.

Former student and reading strategies teacher Rene Flatness was in one of these parades. "I was a queen candidate.

. [I] got to ride around the track in a convertible Corvette."

As times have changed, so have the traditions of



Rene Flatness

the Homecoming dance.

Flatness says that the dance styles have changed a lot from her first year here.

"Dance traditions were to dress up formally, more like prom. Guys gave corsages to girls and girls gave boutonnieres to guys."

Butler says that music styles have changed as well.

"There was still 50's and 60's influence my first years here. 50's music went on about love, while today musicians sing more about lust."

While there may not have been many limbos or Congo lines at WHS's 2010 Homecoming, we still share many traditions with our teachers and former students.

## 2010 Homecoming Queen Candidates

By: Kelsey Wake

This year, our five senior Homecoming Queen candidates were Rennie East, Amelia Montgomery, Brittini Smith, Brittany VanNostrand, and Taylor Wright.

East plans to attend a four year college, and is undecided on her major. She says that a song that defines her is "Blackbird" by The Beatles, because it is about taking hard times and turning them into strength.

Montgomery hopes to go to law school at Oklahoma City University. She says that if she could change anything about her high school career, she would have been more focused on the kind of person she wanted to be and the path she needed to take to be that person.

Smith plans to attend Missouri State University and major in elementary education,

so she can return to Willard and teach. She says that if she was stranded on a desert island, three things she would need would be her iPod Touch (with an unlimited library of books and apps), her cell phone, and a blanket.

VanNostrand wants to play volleyball in college, major in nursing, and eventually start a family. She said that she would like to be Homecoming Queen because it would be an honor and a memory that would last a lifetime.

Wright plans to attend Missouri State, and is undecided on her major. She says that if she could meet one person, dead or alive, she would meet Harry Potter because "he is going to be my husband someday."

Smith was crowned as 2010 Homecoming Queen.



Five 2010 Senior Homecoming Queen Candidates (from left to right) Brittini VanNostrand, Taylor Wright, Brittini Smith, Rennie East, and Amelia Montgomery. Photo Provided By: Brent Jones

## 2010 WHS Car Bash

By: Halen Holton

Willard High School students showed their Tiger pride at the third annual car bash and bonfire, held at the end of Homecoming week.

As the sparks disappeared into the night from the bonfire, sophomore Grant Kopplin thought long and hard about the next day's football game. The fire represented something special to him. "It represents the fire in my heart to beat Central," said Kopplin. The Tigers beat Central Bulldogs the next night, 28-20.

Students, teachers and other community members watched the fire and listened to the country band Rustic Heart with WHS senior Brock Wade singing.

This event, put on by Student Government Association, was a great event for all because "it created a school and community spirit and is something that can be enjoyable for all," according to SGA sponsor Dusty Killingsworth.



# Sports Recap

### Football

Oct 1 Parkview Varsity 14-48  
 Oct 4 Parkview JV 18-12  
 Oct 4 Parkview Freshmen 7-37  
 Oct 8 Central Varsity 28-20  
 Oct 11 Central JV 50-6  
 Oct 15 Glendale Varsity 0-24  
 Oct 18 Glendale JV 30-26  
 Oct 18 Glendale Freshmen 21-32

### Volleyball

Oct 2 Glendale 22-25,25-23,17-25  
 Oct 2 Reeds Spring 25-18,27-25  
 Oct 2 Rogersville 25-19,19-25,22-25  
 Oct 2 Jeff city Helias 20-25,15-25  
 Oct 5 Webb City Varsity 19-25,20-15  
 Oct 5 Webb City JV 25-11,26-24  
 Oct 5 Webb City Freshman 25-12,25-16  
 Oct 7 Republic Varsity 19-25,16-25  
 Oct 7 Republic JV 23-25,20-25  
 Oct 7 Republic Freshman 16-25,22-25  
 Oct 9 Houston 25-21,25-19  
 Oct 9 Eminence 21-25,25-21  
 Oct 9 Willow Springs 25-14,25-15  
 Oct 9 Winona 25-14,24-26,25-23  
 Oct 9 Mountain Grove 22-25,25-19  
 Oct 9 Mountain Grove 25-21,25-22  
 Oct 12 Ozark Varsity 15-25,18-25  
 Oct 12 Ozark JV 15-25,15-25  
 Oct 12 Ozark Freshmen 21-25,12-25  
 Oct 14 Nixa Varsity 15-25,20-25  
 Oct 14 Nixa JV 17-25,21-25  
 Oct 14 Nixa Freshmen 13-25,18-25  
 Oct 19 Neosho Varsity 25-15,25-17  
 Oct 19 Neosho JV 25-15,25-22

### Soccer

Oct 2 Cassville 4-0  
 Oct 2 Bolivar 3-0  
 Oct 4 Nixa Varsity 1-5  
 Oct 4 Nixa JV1-4  
 Oct 5 New Covenant Varsity 1-0

Oct 5 New Covenant JV 5-0  
 Oct 7 Bolivar Varsity 2-1  
 Oct 14 Branson Varsity 3-0  
 Oct 14 Branson JV 3-0  
 Oct 16 Branson 1-1  
 Oct 16 Aurora 2-0  
 Oct 16 Republic 5-0  
 Oct 18 Rogersville Varsity 5-0  
 Oct 18 Rogersville JV 5-0  
 Oct 19 Neosho Varsity 9-1  
 Oct 19 Neosho JV 3-2

### Soft ball

Oct 5 Hillcrest Varsity 14-3  
 Oct 5 Hillcrest JV 0-11  
 Oct 6 Waynesville 10-6  
 Oct 8 Rolla 1-6

## And it's Good!



The extra point kicked by Jackson Patillo is good! The Tigers won the homecoming game against Central 28-20.

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# Rocco's Art Display

Willard High School students get a chance to show off their hard work to the Willard community thanks to Rocco's Pizza.

By: Kelsey Wake and Amanda Bradley

Every school year, art teachers Teresa Fielden and Robin Mason pick some of the best artwork from Willard High School students to put on display in Rocco's back room in the "rotating art exhibition".

The art display started last year by the owners of Rocco's, Ron and Tracy Wilson, asking Willard art teachers if they would like to have some of their students' art on display so the community of Willard could see all of the talent at Willard. Wilson also said, "It is good to be involved with the school."

Every three weeks the art is changed. On Rocco's back wall there are 10 to 13 art pieces up on display at once. Fielden says that any art student has a chance of having their art put up on display. Fielden and Mason choose all artwork that is submitted, and Mason shares how they choose, saying that "craftsmanship is just as important as quality." They try to pick artwork that the community would enjoy more. If students do get their art up on display in Rocco's it can have really big benefits.

Junior Morgan Church currently has a piece of still-life



Junior Morgan Church's still-life artwork is now on display in Rocco's Pizza's "Rotating Art Exhibition". 10 to 13 new pieces of art done by Willard High School students is chosen every three weeks for display in Rocco's back room.

Photo by: Kelsey Wake

art displayed at Rocco's. She says, "It makes me feel proud to know that my art is on display so the community can see my artistic ability."

Rocco's owner says, "Having [students'] art on display gives them an opportunity to get their name out there," and that "kids get a kick out of seeing their art."

In addition to having their art on display, WHS students can also have their artwork sold, and even receive a scholarship.

Wilson says that most of the time, art is just sold to relatives, but many people from the community come in to view the art and see how many artists they know.

Last year Rocco's gave a \$250 scholarship to senior Yesenia Gallegos, who went to college with a major in art.

Wilson loves supporting the art department and allowing the community to see WHS' student talent. Wilson says, "The art being in here actually makes the room brighter."

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# "Our House" to provide real life skills

Through practicing daily activities, students will learn to become independent.

By: Alyson Manes

The "Our House" project is revolutionary in its manner and idea, so where did the idea come from?

"Mrs. Beuerlein suggested the transition house. She wanted a more authentic environment in which to teach students daily living skills," Special Services Process Coordinator Kelli Akers recalls. "I got the idea talking

to learn first hand how to do daily activities, go home, and do them."

Beuerlein foresees a lot of skill building, like cooking, becoming more accessible with this house. "I anticipate breakfast. Them making cereal, toast and sandwiches for lunch, and learning how to make a bed. Instead of being taken care of, they're learning how to take

for granted. Some kids don't know how to properly fold a shirt or do dishes, but we can turn these into lessons." Beuerlein adds, "For some, this is the difference between living at home their whole life and being independent or semi-independent."

"It's such a ridiculous idea. It just happened at the right time. There are no accidents,



Special Services teacher Sharla Beuerlein(left) talks to special needs students. Beuerlein is one of the driving forces behind the "Our House" projects.

to Cindy Shikany, my mentor, about the lack of curriculum for special needs kids at this level." Special Services teacher Sharla Beuerlein remembers. "We asked each other 'What can we do?' and we came to the conclusion that we need a house to teach kids how to live in the environment they're going to live in."

"Mrs. Beuerlein said she was running out of space for her kids, and we talked about various options for them. She has some kids that can stay until their 21, and those kids are probably done with academics." Middle School Special Services teacher Cindy Shikany said. "I'm very excited because these kids have needed, for a long time,

care of themselves."

Shikany explains the benefits of a house instead of a classroom. "These kids can help out at home now with daily activities that we take

this was meant to happen."

Beuerlein continued, describing how the project came together. "If someone asks you, 'What do you want?' and you dare to say 'The moon.' Someone just might get it for you."

# Are you wearing your seat belt?

TADA students find out with their annual seat belt count.

By: Kelsey Whitcomb

It is estimated that around 35,000 people die in car accidents every year. It is also estimated that over 60% of those people were not wearing a seat belt.

October is national seat belt month and to get involved with this, the group Teens against drugs and alcohol (TADA), here at Willard High School conducted their annual seat belt check on October 21, in order to see just how many of our students buckle up.

"We checked to see who wears their seat belts as they leave the campus," TADA sponsor Ann Bugg said.

TADA students were posted at every exit to the campus to make sure that the maximum number of people were counted. They also however counted the amount of students not buckled up.

"We want to bring awareness to the student body," TADA sponsor Jill Wooldridge said, "Car accidents are terrible and lives can be

saved by wearing seat belts."

But aside from gathering numbers, what is the reason for doing this seat belt count?

"We want to bring awareness to the student body," TADA sponsor Jill Wooldridge said, "Car accidents are terrible and lives can be saved by wearing seat belts."

It also had an impact on the students who participated.

"I think it sends a message to the students when we do this," Sophomore Katie Bakerink said.

The main goal of this seat belt count was to raise awareness and let students know how unsafe it is to be driving without being buckled up.

"When students see how seat belts save lives it will hopefully make them wear it," Bugg said, "If we can save one life then that's all that matters."

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