Goblins, ghouls and ninja turtles took over the town Halloween night during the Greenfield Recreation Department’s Rag Shag Parade. Clockwise from top, left: Milaina McMahon, 8 months, was held by mother Nicole McMahon; ninja turtles Kaylee Gonzalez, 3, and Jayden Gonzalez, 2, reach for candy; 4-year-olds Milo Mimitz and Helen Martineau trick or treat; Ayden Whalen, 11, as a pumpkin reaper; members of the Greenfield High School band perform Halloween-themed music at Energy Park.

**Winners**

**Best Homemade** — First place: Elephant, Anira Dahlstrom, Greenfield; Second place: Phoenix, Phoebee Wondolowski, Greenfield.

**Most Original** — First place: Cotton candy, Jake Mattson, Colrain; Second place: Mermaid, Amber Kowal, Leyden.

**Scariest** — First place: The Corpse Bride, Breanne Biggs, Orange; Second place: The Pumpkin Reaper, Ayden Whalen, Heath.

**Cutest** — First place: Witch, Celia Quinn, Skylan Regan, Bernardston; Second place: Iron Man, Sigurd Hyatt, Erving.

**Best Cartoon Character** — First place: Harley Quinn, Skylar Regan, Bernardston; Second place: Clown, Aza Tomas-Thompson, Greenfield.

**Best Costume** — First place: The Corpse Bride, Breanne Biggs, Orange; Second place: Miss Liberty, Mareba Jos, Greenfield.

**Best Group/Family** — Addams Family, Glenn family, Northfield; Second place: Back to the Future, Spencer and Dalton Towne, Erving.

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hosted its 33rd annual hayride and Halloween party, featuring eight wagons — also driven by local farmers — full of excited trick-or-treaters, like 6 and 8 year-olds Rose and Liam Lechner, there with parents Tony and Sara Lechner.

“Rose is a mouse, I’m Bugs Bunny,” Liam said. Beside him on a hay bale, Rose added, “one of my favorite critics is a mouse.”

Both hayride events were sponsored by local businesses, including Clarkdale Fruit Farm, which provided apple cider afterward in the Deerfield Elementary School cafeteria.

“I went as a kid, a lot of the officers went as kids, and we’re happy to do it every year,” said Deerfield Police Officer Adam Sokołowski. “We’re very fortunate the farmers donate their time.”

**Sunderland scavenger hunt**

Across the Connecticut River, Sunderland put on a townwide Halloween Scavenger Hunt for the first time. Scavenger hunters were given 12 clues corresponding to 12 buildings. Anyone who found at least six, and went to the Public Library, was awarded toys and candy.

“The point is to have kids

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ment on whether they had taken a vote involving the chief.

Dodge, too, did not comment as he got into his car, alongside his wife, following the nearly two-hour executive session meeting at Montague Town Hall late Monday night. Dodge did not return telephone calls on Tuesday.

One person who did have something to say Monday night was Town Administrator Steven Ellis.

“I look forward to engaging the anti-crime task force leadership at some point in time to talk about Montague’s ongoing interest in participation and cooperation with it.”

Ellis said, adding that the town has had internal conversations about rejoining the task force, but has yet to have a “substantive” discussion with the District Attorney’s office about it.

Ellis also gave a brief comment regarding the letter from Sullivan the police department’s executive board voted on Oct. 19 to keep Montague out of the regional crime-fighting group that often works on major drug cases.

“Placing a member of the Montague Police Department in the position of answering to both the Montague Police Chief and the leadership of the Task Force, where drug investigations would need to remain confidential from the Police Chief, is untenable,” the letter said.

“This risks eroding the command structure of the Montague Police Department or worse, compromising the safety of those people involved in the dangerous work of drug investigations. This would be an unacceptable risk of the member departments of the Task Force and/or any assigned officer from the Montague Police Department.”

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