



Photo Special To The Bruin
 Ranch Heights Elementary School featured plenty of top finishers in the 2009 Fall FunFest Poster Contest. Pictured are (from left) (back row) art teacher Reita Adams, Lane Sizemore, presenter George Halkiades of the Bartlesville Noon Rotary Club, Olivia Lindsly, (front row) Lukas Cochran, Emma Shelley, Andrew Day and Alyssa Cole.

R.H., Wilson students star in poster contest

Fall FunFest, Spook-a-Rama will offer plenty of family fun this weekend at Johnstone Park

Students from both Ranch Heights and Woodrow Wilson elementary schools were recently recognized for their fine showings in the 2009 Fall FunFest Poster Contest.

Ranch Heights boasted the first-place winners in all three grade levels in which the students competed with Olivia Lindsly topping all fifth graders, Alyssa Cole standing out among the fourth graders and Emma Shelley prevailing among the third graders.

Rounding out the top finishers in each grade level were Averie Smith (second place, Wilson) and Lane Sizemore (third place, Ranch Heights) in the fifth grade; Andrew Day (second place, Ranch Heights) and Lukas Cochran (third place, Ranch Heights) in the fourth grade; and Katelynn Moore (second place, Wilson) and Kain Robledo (third place, Wilson) in the third grade.

Now in its sixth year, Fall FunFest is a free event set to take place on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. in Johnstone Park. A product of the Bartlesville Noon Rotary Club, it features plenty of areas for children to trick-or-treat and collect candy and other goodies well in advance of Halloween. Fun games will be provided for kids and their families as well, and the youngsters are encouraged to

wear costumes.

Area businesses provide the candy and treats at each Fall FunFest, serving them out of specially decorated booths.

This year's Fall FunFest will feature demonstrations of the Nellie Johnstone No. 1 Oil Derrick, complete with gushers spouting off every half hour. The Nellie Johnstone No. 1 Oil Derrick was Oklahoma's first commercial oil well. The operable reproduction of the cable tool drilling rig was dedicated in November of 2008 and is located in the same spot where the historic 1897 discovery was made, just east of the FunFest site.

This year, the Fall FunFest will run in partnership with the Kiddie Park's annual Spook-a-Rama, a free event which is set to take place tonight and Saturday evening from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature a costume parade, a Halloween haunted house and a pumpkin setting.

Children ages 12 and under can compete in the Spook-a-Rama's Great Pumpkin Contest, also. Youngsters can bring in their pumpkins to be judged, and entries can be painted, decorated and/or carved. One entry per family is permitted and ribbons and prizes will be given to the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Local photographer Wil Gibson will be on hand to take photos of the children in their respective costumes if their families so request.