

trends hit stores

In addition to pop culture favorites

By Naomi Carrillo News Correspondent

The summer season will soon be winding down and the start of fall will be here. Whether it's a certain taste, smell or sight the fall season continually brings festive joy. This also means the countdown for Halloween will officially start. The origins of Halloween and costumes can be dated back to 2,000 years ago to the Celtic pagan festival of Samhain. Over time, Halloween's superstitions, traditions and costumes were

the arrival of Irish and Scottish immigrants to the United States in the 18th century.

According to Lesley Bannatyne, an author who has written about



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the history of Halloween, Halloween costumes from the first half of the 20th century were terrifying. Drawing on the holiday's pagan and Christian roots, as a night to ward off evil spirits or reconcile with death, respectively, people often opted for more morbid, serious costumes than the pop culture inspired ones of today. Halloween today is seen as a family friendly event that continues to become a

more popular holiday. More people are embracing the spooky season and all it entails; especially with the rewatching of classic Halloween movies and the occasional reboot of a movie or the creation of new spooky and horror-esque TV shows. These pop culture references tend to have a huge influence on what Halloween costumes will be popular in stores.

An article released from Good Morning America, shares that this year's costumes will have heavy inspiration from pop culture moments like the season two release of Tim Burton's "Wednesday," with costumes inspired by the characters already selling out. In contrast to the spooky theme, "Jurassic Park" costumes, especially ones taken from the original film, are popping up as well, due to the latest film in the franchise, "Jurassic World Rebirth," that did very well at the box office and inspiring a generation to revisit the 1993 classic that made it all happen.

Talking with the store manager of Party Place in Findlay, Anthony Serda, about Halloween costumes and their trends he explained that there have been times where he's ordered a bunch of specific costumes in relation to a popular movie that is out in theaters, but then there are occasions when those costumes don't sell and customers



Classic costumes for kids continue to remain popular.

decide to go with a more easy and simple costume, such as a cowboy. "The trends are hard to predict. I mean you can have an idea of what you think is going to be popular, but unless you're in it you don't really know." Serda stated.

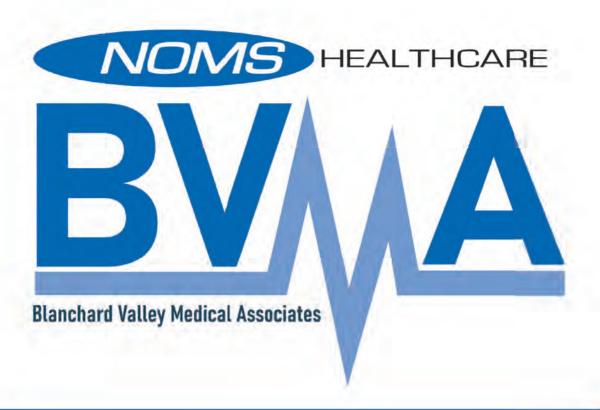
Serda has been there from the start of Party Place, which opened in Findlay about 20 years ago. Party Place is a smaller family owned company, however, according to their website, the stores offer the largest selection of Halloween costumes, decorations and props every October. The process of the Halloween season for this store started in the middle of July with stocking their Halloween items, and they will continue to get items all the way till Halloween day. When asked about selling out of costumes fast, Serda stated that it depends on the year and the competition. There are no other Halloween stores in Findlay so they do not have many competitors. Party Place is open all year round and carries certain Halloween costumes and accessories throughout the year, and overall, being open all year helps with keeping their prices lower compared to other stores.

Serda explained that they do sell out of a lot of different styles, but they plan for this; for instance, by carrying around 300 kid costumes. Therefore, people have a lot of

options to choose from even if they need a backup. "When people ask about Halloween for us, I compare it to like Christmas to a toy store, how it's chaotic and busy and things are flying off the shelf, and it's kind of like that here for Halloween. The no competition helps, but with it or without, I think Halloween is getting bigger and people want to decorate earlier, they want

to go bigger so I think we will always be busy with Halloween for sure," Serda stated.

Although costume trends can be difficult to predict, Serda shared that there are particular costumes that will always be popular. These costumes include the characters of Michael Myers, Jason Vorhees Ghostface. Additionally, Super Mario characters and other licensed characters are always popular costumes for children. Serda further stated that movies that are popular will have popular Halloween costumes. In previous years, the trending movie and costumes were Barbie, and this year Serda expects that Wicked will be the same way, and is expecting to get more costumes in different styles and characters of the movie into the store. Other top picks of Halloween costumes from Good Morning America include pop culture costumes of Lilo and Stitch, Squid Game characters, Alien xenomorph, M3GAN 2.0 dress costume, Spider-Man and Power Rangers. Also, classic costumes of clowns and firefighters, funny inflatable costumes and costumes that involve couples or a group.



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A Your records will move with us, only now you will have enhanced capabilities and MyChart access. You don't need to do anything.

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Q How do I sign up for the portal?

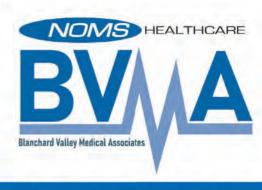
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O Can I still call the same number?

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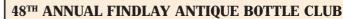
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LOCAL CALENDAR

Saturday, October 25

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Mt. Cory 6:30 - 8 pm Rawson 6 - 7:30 pm Upper Sandusky 5 - 7 pm Van Buren 6:30 - 8 pm

Sunday, October 26

Attica 3 - 5 pm

Tiffin 6-8 pm

Thursday, October 30

Arlington 6 - 8 pm Bluffton 6 - 7:30 pm Houcktown 6 - 7 pm

McComb 6 - 7 pm **Vanlue** 6:30 - 8 pm

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Friday, October 31

Bowling Green 6:30 - 8 pm **Fostoria** 5:30 - 7 pm **Jenera** 6:30 - 8 pm

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Opening Reception Friday, October 3 I 6-8pm

Opening Reception: Friday, November 7, 5-9 pm during ArtWalk

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CLASSES Register at www.findlayartleague.org

Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel, 10:30-noon Glazing, October 11, 18, 25; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, October 18; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows



Cindy Meadows

The Community FREE "Fun for All" Event: Skinny Trees-Saturday, 1:00-4:00 pm, October 25; arrive anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 for a free 60 minute class sponsored by the Findlay Community Foundation. All materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor:

Note: Additional classes may be added so check the website for the latest information.



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Looking for a fun event with friends, family, or coworkers? Plan a Pottery Party!

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Ribs	Tony's Restaurant
Salad	Tony's Restaurant
Sandwiches	Main Street Deli and Arcade
Seafood	Red Lobster
Steaks	Texas Roadhouse
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