

Frightfully good fun

Haunting of Waverly's first year a success

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WAVERLY — Spooky, scary sights awaited those who visited Old Town Waverly Park on Saturday night for the Haunting of Waverly.

Thanks to the work of Morgan County Park and Recreation, the park was transformed into a haunting Halloween spectacular. The Haunting of Waverly featured a vampire's blood bank, a blacksmith shop, witches in the trade center, scary stories told by a spooky storyteller, hayrides and a Trunk or Treat hosted by volunteers.

To the surprise of many, the Headless Horseman also made an appearance during the night, wielding a sword, riding upon his steed.

According to Volitta Fritsche, vice president of the Morgan County Park Board, the Haunting of Waverly has been in the works for years.

"Kenny Hale and I love Halloween," Fritsche said. "We've always wanted to do a haunted trail."

"This is the very first year," said Greg Howard, president of the Morgan County Park Board. "Last



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Elizabeth Meyer tells children a spooky ghost story during the Haunting of Waverly.

year, we finally figured out what needed to be done, and this year, we made sure we had it in the budget to help out with it in order to bring it into fruition."

According to Fritsche, participants appeared to love the final product.

"It looks like people like it," said Fritsche. "I love it."

Howard agreed.

"I think it's amazing," he said.

Fritsche said she was happy to see so many people out and enjoying the park, given how much work had gone into making the Haunting of Waverly possible.

"It's a labor of love," Fritsche said. "We work really hard to get these things going, and if you

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