

# Halloween Carnival 2023!

■ On Saturday, Oct. 28 the ghouls, princesses, mermaids, superheroes and ... sloths ... of Boca Grande came together for the annual Halloween Carnival, which has been celebrated since 1977. There was a costume contest with grande prize ribbons, carnival games, a bounce house and a "cart or treat" that made the morning special. Shown at far left are Ava, Brielle and CeCe Spurgeon. Near left are Aniston, Miles and Liam Maxwell.



■ Shown in the third row up are: Effie Joiner at the Cart O Treat, Ross (pretend he's a crab), Pat (pretend she's a turtle) and Baxter (he's really a lobster) Witschonke. The costume contest judges had a tough job with the great costumes this year. Second row from bottom: Georgia Pope was "fire," which was part of the "hot chocolate" (Savannah Pope) and "S'mores" (Hunter Pope) trio; this sloth, while cute, was also kind of intimidating; you know it's a Boca Grande Halloween Carnival when the Wymans bring out the "Gator Swamp" fishing game; Noah Branham the squid with his dog, Tuckernuck. At left, Silas Swartzendruber (dressed as Bamm Bamm Ruble) played hard at this carnival game while his mom, Nikki Heimann (Betty Rubble) and the girls from the Manta Rays Volleyball team looked on. At right, this little mouse named Alfred took a prize. See contest winners on page 1. Photos by Marcy



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