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ATTRACTS CAST OF HALLOWEEN CHARACTERS

By JADE McDOWELL

amilies turned out in force on Monday for the Halloween tradition of for Treats on Main.

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Hundreds of princesses, superheroes, mermaids and pirates crowded the sidewalks and spilled into the closed-off streets downtown as they worked with their

parents to get their trick-or-treating in before dark. Brandi Verley of Gems and Gents Kids Center was handing out candy Monday for the first time, and said she was glad the city puts on a fun alternative to nighttime trick-or-treating for its youngest residents.

'It's a really good, fun event and it's nice to have a safe place for the kids to go, and nice to be a part of it this year,"

Verley, who was dressed as a sparkly blue and purple mermaid, said one of the best parts of handing out candy was getting to see all of the creative costumes that go by.

The dinosaurs, they're twins," she said, pointing out a pair

of pint-sized dinos. "Oh my gosh, so cute."

Terra and Luis Nava from Bloomz were handing out candy dressed as a Guns N Roses fan and Capt. Jack Sparrow, respectively. As a steady stream of children moved past, pumpkin-shaped buckets held

high, Terra said it was fun to hand out treats and enjoy the creativity of the costumes.

"I like the Stay-Puffed Marshmallow Man," she said.

Not all of the people handing out candy were adults. Payton Howard, 10. was handing out candy with a wave and a smile in front of Andee's Boutique.

"I love your family!"

she exclaimed as a group of Dallas Cowboys fans walked by.

One set of costumes drawing the most attention (and requests for photos) was a set of four M&Ms and an M&M package. The brightly-colored costumes belonged to the Thiel

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Above: Tess Alexander, left, and Levi Nelson went to Treats on Main in

Hermiston dressed as the Joker and the devil. Top: A set of Minions searches for candy at Hermiston's Treats on Main.

City gears up for free bus service in 2017

By JADE McDOWELL

Hermiston residents may have noticed a fake bus stop sign appear in their neighborhood as of Wednesday, Oct. 26, as the prepares to give residents more transportation options.

The signs are a precursor to the free public bus system the city plans to begin on Jan. 2 through an agreement with Kayak Public Transit. They provide a map of the proposed route and information about a Nov. 1 meeting for the community to provide feedback on the proposal before it goes in front of the city council for a decision on Nov. 14.

The meeting, held Tuesday at 5 p.m. at city hall, was the last meeting of the Public Transit Advisory Committee before it submits a



See BUS, A14 A temporary sign at the Hermiston Plaza shows a proposed bus stop location.

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Election results will be posted online next week

Umatilla County and the state of Oregon will not start releasing election results for the Nov. 8 election until after the press deadline for the Nov. 9 edition of the Hermiston Herald.

Election results will not be available for the Nov. 9 print edition, however, the Herald will post election results online through the evening on Nov. 8 for local races.

You will be able to find election updates throughout the evening on Tuesday, Nov. 8, on our website at www. HermistonHerald.com.

Look for results from local, state and key national races in the Wednesday, Nov. 9, print edition of the East Oregonian, on online at www.EastOregonian. com.

Road work to create delays on Highway 395

Drivers on Highway 395 in Hermiston may experience some traffic delays over the next couple of weeks.

The Oregon Department of Transportation will be working to make some minor adjustments to the repaving project it completed earlier this year.

Drivers can expect lane closures and minor delays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. until Nov. 11, and are reminded to drive with extra caution through work zones.

