

All Saints Day event will benefit Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank

Sisters Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration will offer an All Saints Day blessing and an opportunity to help the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank.

As with many local events, the Halloween Parade through downtown Sisters will not be held this year. The "admission" for the parade has been canned food for the Food Bank and a substantial amount was raised.

The Episcopal Church was pondering this news along with All Saints Day, which falls on Sunday, November 1.

The church decided to host a drive through to receive an All Saints Day blessing and an opportunity to donate to the Kiwanis Food Bank. There will be a site to collect non-perishable food, paper goods, pet food, and financial donations to benefit the Food Bank and the community.

Visit the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on Sunday, November 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. Stay safe in your car, drive through, receive a blessing, and drop off donations.

The church is located at 68825 Brooks Camp Rd. by the intersection with Highway 242.

For more information call 541-549-7087.

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want to be able to provide a way for kids to enjoy the holiday in a safe manner."

The Sisters Elementary School (SES) Halloween parade normally finds hundreds of costumed kids winding their way throughout all classrooms, with music blasting over the intercom. Then each classroom explodes into a flurry of Halloween fun.

Some students at SES have been able to attend school in-person this fall, dependent on COVID guidelines issued at the State level. These kindergarten through third-grade (K-3) students will experience a COVID-conscious version of the school's annual festivities.

The parade will be held outside, only for in-person students. "We will maintain our six feet of separation and still enjoy seeing one another's costumes," an announcement read. Classroom parties will follow.

"With the cohort concerns, we can't bring the distance-learning students in for something that is not academic in nature," said SES principal Joan Warburg of other students. "We may be able to look at something virtual that encompasses all of our fourth-graders."

Delaney Sharp, head teacher at Black Butte School in Camp Sherman, said the tiny district was trying to figure out Halloween plans. The school's parent-teacher organization discussed "organizing some outdoor games that could be safe for that Saturday afternoon," Sharp said. "They are also trying to organize a simple trick-or-treat time" for local Camp Sherman kids only.

Sharp said that if the

school's families gather for Halloween, it will be voluntary, not an official BBS-sponsored activity. "Overall, I would just say everyone is working to find a way to celebrate the holiday out here," he said, "while also being mindful of being safe and not contributing to any unnecessary spread of the virus."

Meanwhile, back in Sisters, "the City never played much of a role in the past," said City Manager Cory Misley of the town's Halloween activities. "It was just sort of an organic thing."

During this season, Misley asked citizens to "continue to do more of the same" — meaning, take the same precautions that have helped local businesses and residents during the pandemic. Those precautions include "wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing, and avoiding groups and close contact."

Because the City of Sisters doesn't employ its own public health officials, "we're going to amplify and reiterate the messages that are coming from Oregon Health Authority and Deschutes County Public Health."

Misley noted that the City of Sisters "has not gone above and beyond either of them." In other words,



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A young girl from Las Vegas delighted in the corn maze at Smith Rock Ranch. Gianna was in Central Oregon visiting her grandmother.

the City doesn't intend to ban Halloween activities, and "we won't be doing enforcement."

Health authorities warn against high-risk activities. That means no traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children going door-to-door. Indoor parties, haunted houses, and trunk-or-treating from cars are all discouraged by health authorities.

Activities with lower risk include visiting a pumpkin patch, trying a modified version of trick-or-treating, and having socially distanced costume parties outdoors.

The library will offer spooky crafts, and The Lodge in Sisters will feature drive-through treats. *For more ideas, see "Alternative Halloween Activities" on page 9.*

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