

Halloween Happenings!

From downtown to Delight Valley, here's a bit of what's happening this Halloween

Halloween is less than a week away, and the next few days will offer many chances to score treats in Cottage Grove. Here's a rundown of many of the area's events:

Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Cottage Grove's youngsters can journey to Main Street downtown for trick-or-treating on Monday, Oct. 31 from 3-5 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce Director Travis Palmer said the event has been a coordinated planning effort of the Chamber, the Main Street Program, City of Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove Sentinel and Economic and Business Improvement District. Main Street will be closed beginning at 1:30 p.m. to allow for the setup of booths for businesses and organizations that do not have a storefront on Main Street.

The celebration will feature a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, scavenger hunt, carnival games and more.

Delight Valley Church carnival

The church, located at 33087 Saginaw Road, plans its carnival featuring game booths, candy, hot dogs and punch and a bounce house, on Monday from 6-8:30 p.m. The admission price

is a can of food for those less fortunate.

Elks Lodge Trick-or-Treating

The Elks Lodge plans tabletop trick-or-treating on Monday from 4-6 p.m. The lodge is located at 755 N. River Road.

Delight party and potluck

Delight, located at 538 E. Main St., plans a party and potluck on Monday from 3-8 p.m. that will include downtown trick-or-treating, a "Jack-box Party Pack: Murder Trivia Party" hosted by Quint Iverson from 4-6 p.m. and the chance to play an assortment of tabletop games, including Werewolf, Betrayal at House on the Hill (with the new Widow's Watch expansion), Zombiess!!!, Gloom and Magic the Gathering (players are asked to bring a budget Halloween-themed deck).

London Grange Haunted House

London Grange is offering a Halloween Event and Haunted House from Friday, Oct. 28-Monday, Oct. 31 from 6-9 p.m. nightly. The event includes several free activities such as children's Halloween crafts, mon-

ster slime, sensory activities for younger children, an animated, special effects Halloween show, some trick-or-treat stations and a costume contest on Monday.

There is also a Jack-O-Lantern decorating contest on Friday (participants can bring their decorated Jack-O-Lantern and leave it until Sunday or Monday).

There will be a variety of food items available for purchase. The Haunted House is divided into two parts, one that is less scary and more ideal for young children and one that is scarier and suitable for the "less easily scared" crowd.

The haunted house has 10 themed rooms and several hallways packed with monsters, creepy things, animatronics and special effects. Cost is \$3 per person for admission and \$1 off with the donation of a non-perishable food item. Sunday is family night, and children ages 12 and under get in free with a paid adult. The Grange has also hidden roughly 100 "Rock-O-Lanterns" all over town that act as a free ticket to the Haunted House on any night.

Opal's 'Monster Mash-up'

The 'mad geniuses' of the Opal Halloween Show are back with the Monster Mash-up, in which its performers have been "exhuming pieces of pop culture and reassembling them,

an effort that includes six short plays: "Jesus Christ Super Star Wars," "A Nightmare On Sesame Street," "Saturday Night Of The Living Dead Fever," "The Wizard Of Jaws," "X-Men of La Mancha" and "Dances With Wolverine." Shows are at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27, 28 and 29 and Nov. 3, 4 and 5. The Opal Halloween Show sells out every year, so those interested are advised to secure tickets ahead of time at www.opalcentercg.org or The Crafty Mercantile at 517 Main Street downtown. Tickets are \$12 or \$10 for Cottage Grove residents at the Crafty Mercantile. This show is Rated R for strong language, sexual situations, and, worst of all, United States politics.



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Downtown Trick-or-Treating offers fun for the whole family on a closed-down Main Street.



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The folks who brought Cottage Grove "Rosemary Poppins Baby" in 2015 return with the "Monster Mash-up," a collection of six short plays featuring two classic films/shows mashed together.

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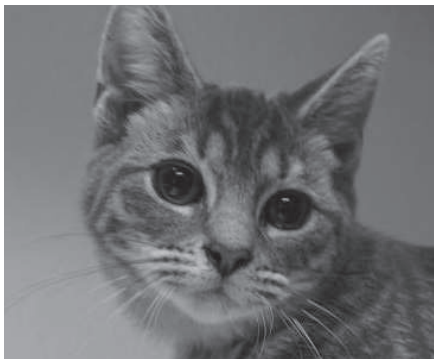
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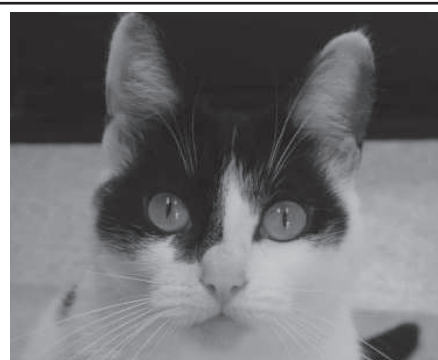
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