

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

KVCS hosts trunk-or-treat and walk

Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. is the annual Kings Valley Charter School Harvest Carnival and Trunk or Treat. The Trunk or Treat has car trunks decorated and opened up for kids to go car to car "trunk or treating." It is only for one hour, so families can spend time at the carnival.

The trunk and treat and carnival are free.

The student council will host its inaugural Haunted Walk Friday and Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m. at the school. Admission to the Haunted Walk is \$8. It is not recommended for children younger than 8. Proceeds from the Haunted Walk benefit other events hosted by the student council.

For more information: pto@kvschool.org.

Church holds free kids carnival

A community carnival will be held at Valley Life Center, 795 SE Miller Ave., Dallas, on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. for kids in fifth grade and younger. The free carnival will include inflatables, games, pony rides and candy. Food will be available for purchase.

For more information: 503-623-4116.

Harvest party at Indy Market

The Original Independ-



A Dallas home near Lyle and Maple streets is in the Halloween spirit.

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ence Farmers Market will host a Harvest Party for children on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market site is the Umpqua Bank parking lot at the corner of Main and Monmouth streets.

Games for children will be set up in the bank's drive-up area, and there will be prizes as well. Many vendors will have giveaways, including Trick or Treat bags, stickers, pumpkin mini-muffins, candy, and little pumpkins. Quail Farms will have a table where children may paint with vegetable paints.

Everyone is welcome.

DAC hosts Pirates of Rickreall Creek

The Pirates of Rickreall Creek returns to the Dallas Aquatic Center on Saturday.

Swim, paddle and slide past swashbuckling creatures and spiningling obstacles in search of Capt. Jack Lantern and his treasure.

A "G-rated" version will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a "PG" version from 7 to 9.

Admission is \$7 per person; \$25 for a group of four;

\$6 for additional group members. Paid entry gets unlimited expeditions.

There also will be a cake walk and carnival games.

Dallas Trick-N-Treat returns

A fun, safe, indoor way to celebrate Halloween will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday at Morrison Campus Alternative School, 1251 Main St., Dallas.

The event is for children 12 and younger, and includes costume contests, games, prizes, treats and

vendors. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

The event is hosted by the Dallas Area Visitors Center. For more information: 503-623-2564.

Haunted garage in Indy opens Tuesday

35 Haunted Drive, a haunted garage at 35 Northway St., Independence, will open from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday. The garage is turned into a haunted experience by the residents, who are fans of Halloween. The haunted garage is free.

For more information: 35 Haunted Drive on Facebook

Trunk-or-Treat at First Baptist

Independence First Baptist Church will host a trunk or treat on Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the church, 1505 Monmouth St., Independence.

The event includes hot chocolate, cookies, and free games. All are welcome.

For more information: 503-838-1001.

Trick-or-treat in Monmouth

The Monmouth Business Association, a subcommittee of the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce, will host its annual Monmouth Downtown Halloween Spooktacular on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Participating downtown businesses will have candy for

youths. Wolfie, Western Oregon University's mascot, will participate in the trick-or-treat fun. This year, businesses who do not have a storefront in the downtown area may set up a trunk or treat in the library's parking lot.

A photo booth will be set up in the library for a costume contest.

For more information: 503-751-0193.

Indy downtown hosts trick-or-treat

Trick or treat your way through downtown businesses in Independence on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m., co-sponsored by the Independence Downtown Association and Independence Public Library.

Start at the library and make a treat bag. Participating businesses will have signs in the windows. There will be many treats for everyone.

For more information: 503-838-1811.

DRV holds trick-or-treat event Tuesday

Dallas Retirement Village invites trick-or-treaters to spend Halloween with its residents.

The trick-or-treat event begins at the Lodge at DRV, 377 NW Jasper St., Dallas, at 5:30 p.m.

Kids are welcome to trick-or-treat in all the buildings at DRV and meet residents.

For more information: 503-623-5581.

Murder: Characters give clues at stops

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But the lead actress in Burgundy's latest production, "The Mystical Flea," is a thorn in her side.

Peach has been driven to drink — though some say she picked up the habit long ago — by prima donna Ashton Jade.

"She's been griping about my costume design, that it's shoddy. It's not shoddy. It's very fabulous. She just does not wear it well," Peach said. "I'm just upset with her."

What would a small town — or a murder mystery — be without nosy people? Dallas has its fair share of snoopy citizens and their ill-gotten knowledge may turn them into victims — or perpetrators.

Peyton Pewter, the owner of Nerd Squadron, has the nasty habit of spying on his customers. Being the only tech expert in town, he knows a lot about the citizens of Dallas — maybe too much.

"Actually, it's a lot fun," Pewter said. "I know virtually everything. I know about the mayor."

Speaking of the mayor, Saturday's mystery begins with a speech delivered by

It's a mystery

What: Dallas Murder Mystery.

When: Saturday. Registration is 10 a.m. to noon. The event begins at 12:30.

Where: Registration is at Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St.

Think you have it solved? "Sleuth-solver" entry forms due by 4 p.m. The reveal will be at Pressed.

Tickets: \$10. Available at several downtown businesses.

Mayor Riley White — also the subject of rumor around town.

"She might be connected to the mob," Burgundy said.

The further you get into the clues and the backstory of all 18 of the characters, the more tangled the web gets, said Eddie Nelson, of the Dallas Downtown Association, the host of Saturday's who-done-it.

Nelson said the cast, including Doug Graven (Finn Burgundy), Carol Chaney (Pram Peach) and Mark Sturtevant (Peyton Pewter), have taken playing their

characters seriously.

"The business owners in downtown have just been wonderful. They have got this. They live this I think," Nelson said. "I'm starting to call them by their characters' names."

Nelson said the organization would like to make the murder mystery an annual event.

Added to the clue gathering Saturday is a poker run, for those who wish to participate. Players get cards at each stop and the player with the best hand at the end wins.

If you want to get to know the suspects before Saturday, Pressed Coffee & Wine Bar, 788 Main St., hosts a cocktail party Friday at 7 p.m. All suspects will be in attendance — and may offer a few clues. Or you can check out the event's Facebook page to see short videos about each character.

"Get a group of people and come play, come and meet us, see if you like us, or not," Chaney said. "I think it's a good thing to involve the town. I think it will grow, if they do it and everybody likes it."

Independence to host Day of the Dead event on Nov. 2

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INDEPENDENCE — The city of Independence, in association with the Independence Public Library and the Ash Creek Arts Center, will hold a Day of the Dead event Nov. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence.

A hands-on workshop

will be held from 3 to 5 p.m.

Erubiel Valladares will present on the Day of the Dead, followed by time for contemplation and reflection after.

People are invited to bring their own altars.

"At its essence, it's being aware of the people who have departed," Val-

ladares said. "We want to help increase cultural intelligence. People say it's another Halloween, but it's not a Mexican Halloween. It's way deeper than that."

There is no cost to attend.

For more information: Erubiel Valladares, 503-837-1166.

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